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1879	Louisville, Ky.	1895	Meridian, Miss.
1880	Nashville, Tenn.	1896	Washington, D. C.
1881	St. Louis, Mo.	1897	Birmingham, Ala.
1882	Nashville, Tenn.	1898	Greensboro, N. C.
1883	Lynchburg, Va.	1899	Nashville, Tenn.
1884	Kansas City, Mo.	1900	Paris, Tex.
1885	Knoxville, Tenn.	1901	Asheville, N. C.
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1890	St. Louis, Mo.	1906	Opelika, Ala.
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IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF

Our President

Belle Harris Bennett, LL.D.

For Thirty-Five Years the Leader of Missionary Forces among the Women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South

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VICTORIOUS IN DEATH JULY 20, 1922

"Remember thy servant, O Lord, according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people, and grant that increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen." (Book of Common Prayer.)

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl stream in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting

OF THE

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OF THE

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EVERY year as the leaves begin to peep out, as the air becomes fragrant with blooming flowers, and as the prairies take on an emerald hue there comes a call to the women of Southern Methodism to gather in council, there to enjoy the precious privilege of a rare fellowship; to receive gracious messages touching the things of the spirit from inspired children of God; to seek wisdom through prayer, and together to plan to press forward in the life-giving work of missions.

This year of 1923, for the thirteenth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council and for the forty-fifth annual gathering of Southern Methodist missionary women, their faces turned toward the quaint and beautiful city of Mobile, Ala., a city full of historic interest, the spell of which, but for the absorbing interest of the work in hand, would have transported all to the romantic period of the Old South or to the more remote days when the French or the Spanish flag claimed dominion over the shores washed by the Gulf of Mexico.

True Southern hospitality, ably directed by Mrs. L. G. Adams, Chairman General, and her assisting committees, left nothing to be desired in warmth of welcome and attention to detail. Each felt herself the honored guest of a festive occasion. The daily lunches abundantly met the material needs, while the beauty of table decorations, with dainty favors and place cards, charmed the eye and the heart.

Drives beneath wide-spreading live oaks, moss-hung trees, or drooping palms and to the orange groves in a wealth of bloom or through avenues gay with wisteria, roses, or azaleas brought glimses of fairyland, heightening romance and quickening reminiscence, especially as the way wound through the estate of Augusta Evans Wilson.

A truly restful and refreshing experience was the perfect Saturday afternoon spent on Mobile Bay.

It was fitting that the opening service Wednesday evening should be devoted to loving remembrance of Miss Belle H. Bennett,who in early womanhood received a vision and ever after was set apart to lead the women of her Church. This was a triumphant service. So near were heavenly places brought that her spirit was truly in our midst as Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon gave the Bible lesson on immortality.

Mrs. R. W. MacDowell, her friend, paid tribute to the surrendered life whose keynote was love; Deaconess Emily Olmstead read Mrs. Emily Allen Siler's poem dedicated to Miss Bennett's life; and Miss Maria L. Gibson, her coworker, offered thanks for the beautiful life and prayed that

"from the Council there might go forth such an influence of strength and beauty that the nations of the earth may feel that we follow her and her Christ." The service closed with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, emphasizing the reality of the impressions of the hour. Thus Miss Bennett leads on, and ere the women left the church they took up the slogan she had given them: "By all the mercies of the past, by the glorious hope of the future, we dare not falter nor fail."

The following morning, in a tender and beautiful service, an oil portrait of Miss Bennett was presented to the body and plans were outlined for the development of the Greater Scarritt, which shall be a perpetual memorial to Miss Bennett.

The central thought, "the coming of the kingdom," ran like the scarlet thread of the British navy through every message during the council, from the statesmanlike utterances of Mrs. Stephens's message to the closing address of Bishop H. A. Boaz, when he delivered the charge to the largest class of missionaries that has ever come before the Council. Fifteen young women were consecrated to service in foreign lands and seventeen to labor here as home missionaries. In addition to these, five deaconesses were consecrated Sunday morning by Bishop James Cannon, Jr., at the close of a great missionary message. These are virile young women, eager for the fray and happy in the face of the difficulties and sacrifices involved.

The presence of five bishops added much to the interest of the meeting. Bishop Mouzon, in an address on the "Spirit of Methodism," made one happy to have a part in the great mission of our Church, that of spreading scriptural holiness throughout the world and thereby transforming the lives of men and women. Bishop H. M. Dobbs stressed the necessity of expressing the gospel in Latin-American thought to the peoples in the "Land of the Southern Cross." His tribute to these United States and "Old Glory" touched a patriotic chord, quickening an impulse to make our Sister America like unto our own.

The thrilling story of Siberia's needs, the pathetic appeals from Korea, and the wonderful opportunities in Japan brought by Bishop Boaz stirred all hearts. Bishop Sam R. Hay brought a message of the vitalizing power of the gospel in China. His appeal was that only those be sent who believe implicilty that "one can chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight," and that mountains of difficulty can be removed by faith in God.

Dr. W. A. Smart, of Emory University, gave the noonday lectures, dealing with the teachings of Jesus concerning the kingdom, humanity, service, worship, suffering, and God. These were heart-searching lessons, bringing us closer to our Father, God, and to a new understanding of our relation to Jesus and his relation to the world.

The day spent with the Home and Foreign workers was inspirational and informational. These all, as did the seventy sent by Jesus, came with thankful hearts because their messages were being used in the salvation of hungry-hearted people.

Home Mission Evening was one of pictures and stories, told by the Administrative Secretaries of the home field. Beautiful pictures that made

the heart tingle with patriotism; fine, interesting pictures that touched one's missionary pride as visions of what "we have done" were thrown on the screen; pitiful pictures that wakened the heartache with a realization of what "we have not done," and withal an eye-opening program that brought the message home.

Cherishing the memory of the leader whom they have loved to honor and who has so lately entered the upper sanctuary, and grateful for the preparation, poise, and ability of her in whose hands they have been pleased to place the standard, facing the changed order with new hope, new heart, and renewed consecration, the Council moves forward into the second year of the quadrennium. As it fully accepts Miss Bennett's watchword, "Trust Him," it will more perfectly realize the secret of the power of her life.

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, *Assistant Secretary.*

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met for its thirteenth annual session in the St. Francis Street Methodist Church, Mobile, Ala., April 4, 1923, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Vice President, in the chair.

After the singing of the hymns "The Son of God Goes Forth to War" and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," the worship service was continued with a lesson on hope, based on passages from Luke, stressing the adequacy of Christianity, led by Mrs. Stephens. After prayers, led by Mrs. Chappell and Miss Davies, the service closed with the hymn "Come, Let Us Tune Our Loftiest Song."

The roll was called, and eighty-nine members responded, thirty-seven Conferences, including two Mission Conferences and the Workers' Conference being included:

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Rules of Order and Calendar Rules were read by Mrs. Britt.

The list of those requested to assist the Vice President in presiding through Tuesday morning was read by Mrs. Stephens as follows: Thursday morning, Miss Daisy Davies; afternoon, Mrs. A. B. Smith; evening, Mrs. W. A. Newell. Friday morning, Mrs. J. D. Elliott; afternoon, Miss Althea Jones; evening, Mrs. Lee Britt. Saturday morning, Miss Florence Blackwell; Monday morning, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy; afternoon, Mrs. C. F. Neibergall. Tuesday morning, Mrs. C. F. Elza.

The Vice President then delivered her annual message, calling attention to changes in the organization of the Woman's Work in the past thirteen years, especially those brought about by the action of the last General Conference, explaining the outlook for the future, and urging that the missionary societies be kept missionary. The report was received with enthusiasm and placed on record. (See report, page 38.)

A portrait of Miss Belle H. Bennett, made possible by the devotion of Miss Sara Estelle Haskin, through profits on the book, "Women and Missions," was presented to the Council by Miss Maria L. Gibson, long a close friend of Miss Bennett, and in point of service the oldest member of the body. Miss Gibson paid tribute to Miss Bennett, the Council's only President, and the consecrated, beloved leader of the womanhood of Southern Methodism. In behalf of the Council, voicing the love and appreciation of the body, the portrait was accepted by Mrs. H. L. McClesky, one of the youngest members of the body. A prayer of praise and thanksgiving was offered by Miss Howell for the precious, radiant life of Miss Bennett, a living epistle.

The report of the Belle Bennett Memorial Committee created by the Executive Committee of the Council in mid-year session, was presented to the body by Miss Estelle Haskin, Secretary of the Committee. This was considered by items and adopted as read. (See report, page 180.)

Bishop E. D. Mouzon then delivered an address on the "Spirit of Methodism," taking for his text Galatians v. 4: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." He spoke of the experience, life, and doctrine of Methodism, outlining the great principles by which Christians may be brought to a realization of the chief doctrines of our Church—the universality of atonement, the witness of the Spirit, and Christian perfection.

Mrs. L. G. Adams, Chairman General of the Local Committee, was introduced. After a gracious welcome to the Council, she gave the invitation to the noon luncheon.

Dr. W. A. Smart, of Emory University, whom the Council had called to deliver the daily noon Bible message, was introduced.

After singing the Council hymn and prayer, Dr. Smart, taking for his general theme the reign of our Father, God, read a lesson from Mark i.

14, 15, iv. 26–32, and Luke, and delivered a message on the teaching of Jesus concerning the kingdom of God.

The hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" was sung, and the morning session closed with the benediction pronounced by Dr. Smart.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened with a worship service led by Mrs. E. B. Chappell, consisting of a Scripture lesson and a season of prayer.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, not included in the condensed report already in the hands of the members, were read by the Secretary. The report was placed on record and a recommendation held for reference to the Calendar.

The Session Committees were announced as follows:

Committee on Home Fields.—Mrs. J. H. McCoy, Mrs. J. W. Downs (conveners), Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. Fred Lamb, Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Mrs. W. I. Herbert, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. T. M. Clark, Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Bettie Mae Baker, Miss Bessie Allen, Mrs. E. P. Peabody, Mrs. John N. Steele, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. D. D. McGehee, Mrs. H. L. McClesky, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Mrs. S. W. Scott, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Mrs. John S. Terry, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, Mrs. J. H. Spilman, Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. T. M. Robinson, Miss Florence Blackwell, Mrs. J. W. Darby, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.

Committee on Foreign Field.—Miss Mabel K. Howell, Miss Esther Case (conveners), Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Miss Julia Durham, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. Preston Hatcher, Mrs. Gabie Betts Burton, Mrs. J. P. Harvill, Mrs. M. E. Mackey, Mrs. H. E. Barrow, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Mrs. M. H. Wade, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. John S. Turner, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Miss Laura Edwards, Mrs. C. F. Neibergall, Mrs. E. S. Pugh, Mrs. S. H. Bowman, Mrs. Lucy Robertson, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. W. B. Stubbs, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. Harvey Boney, Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Mrs. J. H. Dickey, Mrs. R. J. Atkinson, Miss Flora T. Clarke, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Miss Frances B. Moling.

Committee on Home Cultivation.—Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb (convener), Miss Althea Jones, Mrs. S. H. Bowman, Mrs. C. E. Castle, Mrs. W. A. F. May, Mrs. Cora Trawick Court, Mrs. R. E. L. Morgan, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. D. D. McGehee, Miss Corinne Rogers, Miss E. V. Peppler, Mrs. M. H. Wade, Mrs. E. P. Williams, Mrs. Otis Carter, Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Mrs. Crew Webb.

Committee on Literature.—Miss Estelle Haskin (convener), Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. R. H. Emberson, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Althea Jones.

Committee on Candidate Work.—Mrs. H. R. Steele (convener), Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. E. P. Peabody.

Committee on Social Service.—Mrs. W. A. Newell (convener), Mrs. C. B. Stanley, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Miss May Edla Smith,

Miss C. F. Elza, Mrs. W. I. Herbert, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Mrs. C. F. Neibergall, Mrs. I. C. Jenkins, Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, Mrs. T. M. Robinson.

Committee on Interracial Relationship.—Mrs. A. B. Smith (convener), Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Miss May Edla Smith, Mrs. C. F. Elza, Mrs. W. I. Herbert, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Mrs. C. F. Neibergall, Mrs. I. C. Jenkins, Mrs. E. A. Kitchell.

Committee on Prayer.—Mrs. E. P. Peabody, Miss Mabel Whitehead, Miss Nell Wynn.

Committee to Supply Vacancies on Standing Committees.—Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood.

Committee on Resolutions.—Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, Mrs. J. H. Dickey.

Committee on Press.—Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

Committee on Platform Courtesies.—Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. L. G. Adams, Mrs. J. D. Hunter, Mrs. E. C. Moore, Mrs. L. P. Smith.

Committee on Processional.—Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. H. A. Dunham.

Committee on Sunday Assignment of Missionaries and Deaconesses to Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.—Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Miss Althea Jones.

On motion of the Secretary, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins and Mrs. E. B. Chappell were elected Assistant Secretaries for the session.

The following papers were presented for distribution to the proper committees: Agenda for both sections of Committee on Foreign Fields, referred to Committee on Foreign Fields, and the agenda for the Committee on Candidates to the Committee on Candidates.

The following papers were placed on the Calendar: The report of Estimates Committee, Foreign Department; and the recommendation from the Executive Committee concerning expenses of members holding dual relation to the Council.

Mrs. F. H. E. Ross made her report as Treasurer. This and the auditor's report read by the Secretary were placed on record. These showed a closing balance, December 31, 1922, of $606,502.22, accounted for by cash deposit of $527,052.22, and Liberty Bonds amounting to $79,450. (See Treasurer's Report, page 89, and Auditor's report, page 98.)

The Home Mission Secretaries, Mrs. J. H. McCoy and Mrs. J. W. Downs, made their reports, giving interesting facts concerning the various phases of their work. The reports were placed on record. (See reports, pages 55 and 49.

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization, made her report, which was placed on record. (See report, page 112.)

Miss Althea Jones, Superintendent of Children's Work, made the report of her department. This was placed on record. (See report, page 123.)

Letters of invitation to the Council for its next annual session were read from Dr. H. B. Trimble, pastor of McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn.;

from Mrs. James K. Norfleet, President Woman's Missionary Society, Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; and from the Mayor, the Presidents of the Rotary, the Civitan, the Kiwanis, and the Lion's Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce of Winston-Salem.

Announcements were made and the benediction pronounced by Dr. C. A. Rush.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The second day's session opened with Mrs. J. D. Elliott in the chair. Worship was led by Mrs. J. H. Spilman. After singing hymn, "Saviour, More Than Life to Me," prayer was led by Deaconess Mary Ora Durham, and hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung. Mrs. Spilman read a portion of the fourteenth chapter of John as a basis for her remarks on the peace, quietness, and assurance that come to the child of God through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The devotional service closed with the hymn "Blessed Quietness" and prayer led by Mrs. Spilman.

The minutes of the first day's sessions were read and approved as read.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to send messages of love and sympathy to Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, and Mrs. W. B. Higginbothem, who were unable to be present.

The agenda for the Home Department was presented and referred to the Committee on Home Fields.

The Secretary delivered a message of love from Mrs. P. L. Cobb, and regret because of her inability to be present. She then gave some interesting facts from Mrs. Cobb's report as Superintendent of Young People's Work. The report was placed on record. (See report, page 120.)

Mrs. W. A. Newell, Superintendent of Social Service, in making her report gave many items of interest concerning the growth in this work and in that of its close kinsman, the interracial work. The report was received and placed on record. (See report, page 126.)

Miss Esther Case, Administrative Secretary in Charge of Latin-American and African Fields, gave her report, giving in detail much that was not included in the printed report. The report was placed on record. (See report, page 80.)

The report of the Oriental Fields was made by the Administrative Secretary in charge, Miss Mabel K. Howell. Miss Howell had so recently returned from a visit of four months in those countries that her message came with unusual freshness and interest as she unfolded the thrilling story of new phases in the development and growth of the work there, one item provoking enthusiasm being the plan for a new mission, that of Manchurian-Chinese, to be supported by the new Board of Missions in China. This report was placed on record. (See report, page 66.)

Mrs. Hume R. Steele made her report of the Candidates Work and of Missionary Education, the additional line of work under her care. Her figures indicated that fifty-seven young women had been accepted by the Candidates Committee during the year 1922. Thirty-five of these entered

the Training School. Of the five who met all the requirements when presented, three sailed during the year to foreign fields and two became home missionaries. The courses recommended for mission study in 1923 and 1924 are "Japan" and "Saving America through Her Boys and Girls." This report was placed on record. (See report, page 99.) The report of this department was continued by Miss Otie Branstetter and Miss Oscie Sanders, Student Secretaries. These reports were placed on record. (See report, pages 106, 107.)

Announcements were made, letters and telegrams of greeting were read from Dr. W. W. Pinson and Mrs. Luther Creed and Mrs. Samuel R. Edington, of the Arizona Conference; and letters of invitation to McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn., for the session of 1924 from Mr. Walter Keith, chairman of the board of stewards, and the Rev. J. Allison Molloy, presiding elder of the Nashville District.

The following were introduced to the body: Dr. J. D. Hunter, pastor of St. Francis Street Church, and Mrs. Hunter; Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, former Administrative Secretary of Home Work; Dr. C. A. Rush, presiding elder of the Mobile District; Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, Revs. Allison, Cowen, Brown, Truett, Trotter, Barnett, Moore, and Buck; Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander; and Mrs. Vaughn, President of a pioneer Missionary Society of Tennessee.

At this time Mrs. Lipscomb, with words of appreciation, presented to Mrs. Vaughn a life membership certificate, a gift from her auxiliary.

After a call to quietness in silent prayer, Dr. Smart led in prayer, and hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" was sung. Taking for the basis of his lesson the three parables of the fifteenth chapter of Luke, Dr. Smart spoke on the teachings of Jesus on the supreme value of human life. This he most tenderly and forcibly illustrated by the infinite patience and love of God the Father for all, regardless of strength or weakness, moral fitness or any apparent excellence.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order by Miss Althea Jone .

The worship service, led by Mrs. Harvey Boney, consisted of hymn "Holy Ghost, with Light Divine," a Scripture lesson from 2 Corinthians iv., and prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The agenda for the Social Service Work and from the Department of Literature were presented and referred to the proper committees.

Section B of the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, sent to the membership by mail previous to the meeting, was placed on the Calendar.

Miss Sara Estelle Haskin, Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature, made her report, and the same was placed on record. (See report, page 108.)

Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Editor of the *Missionary Voice*, made her report.

The subscription list of the *Voice* has reached 43,000. The report was placed on record. (See report, page 138.)

Mr. R. B. Eleazer, for a number of years Editor of the *Voice*, and now associated with the interracial work, was introduced.

Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, President of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, made his report. The report of the institution was continued by Miss Maria L. Gibson, Principal Emeritus of Scarritt and Secretary of the Board, who read the reports of the Executive Committee and of the Board. The reports were placed on record. (See reports, pages 142, 147.)

Reports Numbers 1, 2, and 3 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work, read by the Secretary of the Committee, Mrs. Lee Britt, and the report of the Special Committee on Council Participation in the Superannuate Campaign, read by the Committee Secretary, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, were placed on the Calendar.

A telegram of greeting and best wishes, with a heartening Scripture message, was read from Dr. J. M. Skinner, Principal of Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.

The following fraternal message to the Council from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Mexico Conference was presented by Miss Lelia Roberts. [It was presented in Spanish and not read. Translated after the meeting by Miss Esther Case, it is inserted here for record.]

SALTILLO, MEXICO, March 31, 1923.

To the President and Members of the Woman's Missionary Council, greeting: The Woman's Missionary Society of the Mexico Conference, in session in this place from the 25th to the 31st of March, 1923, sends to the honorable Woman's Missionary Council sincere and cordial greeting, expressing by this means its most intimate recognition of and its most sincere gratitude for your valuable coöperation in the evangelization of our beloved Mexico given so freely and with altruism which is worthy of the highest praise.

In spite of the distance which separates us, we feel the healthful spiritual influence which emanates from you as the tender plant feels the life-giving rays of the sun notwithstanding its distance from it.

The active and consecrated daughters of your soil are the powerful levers of this Missionary Society, who, laboring with us under divine protection, will realize, we hope, the golden ideal of enthroning Jesus Christ as King in each Mexican heart.

We would convince you completely that we esteem at their worth your efforts, your lives, your resources, and your desires. If it be true that there has not been the fruit we hoped for, it is also true that in these recent years, there has been a great spiritual commotion; Mexican hearts have been shaken, and ere long you will see with intimate pleasure that your energy has not been spent in vain.

The furrow which you opened, perhaps with tears yesterday, held the precious seed of the gospel; it sprouted and grew slowly, but it sent its roots deeper, and to-day we see with joy its fruits. In the homes are pious parents and children; in the school teachers and pupils studying God's law; in the Church indefatigable workers who, consecrated ever to the things which are above, hope at no distant day to see Mexico for Christ; and in all society there are Christians who by their life and example testify that Jesus is the only one with power to work a radical change in the life of a person and hence capable of evolutionizing the nations in favor of progress.

The bearer of this message (Miss Lelia Roberts), has been, and is now for many of us, an intellectual and spiritual mother whom we love truly, and we thank you for having sent to Mexico hearts saturated with Christian love like hers and those of many other missionaries in our country.

May the Supreme Giver of all gifts fill you with his richest blessings and cause your decisions and actions to be the children of a healthy conscience and an intelligent mind.

Sincerely your sisters in Christ Jesus.

MRS. E. R. ROSALES, *Chairman of Committee.*

Announcements were made and the session adjourned to meet immediately in executive session. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. J. L. Cuninggim.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Executive Session was called to order at 3:40 o'clock Friday afternoon by Miss Althea Jones. On motion, Dr. Cuninggim was invited to be present.

The report of the Joint Committee on Missionary Training was read by Mrs. H. R. Steele, Secretary of the Committee. Letters related to the question from President Cox, of Emory University, and from Mr. C. W. Scarritt, of the Scarritt Board of Managers, and a telegram from the Kansas City District Conference, in session at Blue Springs, Mo., were read. Dr. Cuninggim spoke on the question, explaining and answering questions.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Session adjourn to meet immediately after the close of the evening inspirational service. The motion prevailed.

EVENING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The adjourned Executive Session was called to order at 10:20 Friday evening. After some discussion, a season of prayer was entered upon. The discussion was continued.

It was moved and seconded that the Council go on record as desiring that the Scarritt Bible and Training School be moved from Kansas City. The motion prevailed.

The further motion prevailed that we reaffirm our action with reference to a Greater Scarritt taken in 1922 at San Antonio, Tex., and pledge ourselves to the unified plan of missionary education for the Church.

On motion, the report of the Joint Committee was referred to the Scarritt Committee, with instructions to bring back to the Council at this session a detailed, concrete plan.

On motion, the Executive Session adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The third day's session opened with worship service led by Mrs. J. H. Spilman. Hymns "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" were sung and Mrs. Spilman led in prayer. From

a Scripture lesson from John, twelfth chapter, she brought the message of the cross with its lesson of sacrifice through which the life more abundant is gained. The service closed with the hymn, "Near the Cross," sung as a prayer.

The minutes of the Friday afternoon's session were approved as read.

The minutes of the Executive Sessions of Friday afternoon and evening were read and approved as read.

A memorial from the Northwest Texas Conference was presented and referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to send greetings to Mrs. F. A. Butler, Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, Mrs. Frank Siler, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, and Mrs. G. W. Matthews.

The resignation of Mrs. W. J. Piggott as a member of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and of the Committee on Scarritt were presented by the Vice President and, on motion, accepted with regret.

The Secretary made the following reports on votes made by correspondence on the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and the letter concerning a book in memory of Miss Belle H. Bennett:

REPORT OF VOTES ON REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS WHICH, IN OBEDIENCE TO THE ORDER OF THE LAST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE BODY BY CORRESPONDENCE.

Number of voting members of the Council	103
Required two-thirds necessary to change By-Laws	69
Number of "aye" votes cast for report as a whole	65
Number of votes cast for Division A as a whole with an exception to or no vote on Division B	5
Number of votes cast for Division A except Item 7 and against separation of Study and Publicity	1
Number of votes cost for whole report except Item 3 or Item 17, Divison A	1
Total number of votes cast for Division A with the exception of Item 7, or Item 3, or Item 17	72
Total number of votes cast for Division B	67
Votes received in irregular manner and not recorded	2

Section A, concerning By-Laws of the Council, was passed. (See page 169.) Section B, concerning Constitution and By-Laws of Conferences and Auxiliaries, lacking two votes, must be considered at this session.

MRS. FITGERALD S. PARKER, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON VOTES CONCERNING BOOK IN MEMORY OF MISS BELLE H. BENNETT

Number of members of the Council	103
Number of affirmative votes received	73

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Secretary.*

In the absence, because of illness, of Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Chairman, the report of the Commission on Race Relations was read by Mrs. A. B. Smith. (See report, page 140.)

The estimates for foreign work were taken from the Calendar. The estimates for China were read by the Calendar clerk and explained by

Miss Howell, and approved; the total for China being $91,534 from the regular budget and $96,513 from the Centenary budget.

The hour for the order of the day having come, the meeting was turned over to the Workers' Conference, with Mrs. C. W. Nichols in the chair. Mrs. J. H. Dickey was elected Secretary of the Conference. The minutes of the Conference were referred to the Committee on Home Cultivation.

At 11:45, at the adjournment of the Workers' Conference, Mrs. F. F. Stephens resumed the chair.

Announcements were made. It was moved and seconded that Calendar Rule No. 5 be suspended, that one item of Report Number 1, Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work, might be put upon its passage at once. The motion prevailed. The item was taken from the Calendar, read by the Calendar clerk, and the deaconesses presented for consecration at the Sunday morning service were accepted.

Dr. Smart then announced the hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" as a preparation for the noon service. Psalm li. was read responsively, and Dr. Smart led in prayer. Scripture lessons from the parable of Lazarus and the denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew xxiii.) formed the basis of the hour's study. First Dr. Smart gave a clear interpretation of the teaching of Jesus concerning sin, then showed how Jesus had brought the true ideal of the kingdom of God, a new ideal of life, and a recreation of social ideals, and with it all how with infinite patience and love God will continue to work with us to bring in the kingdom. After prayer and the hymn, "O, for a Heart to Praise My God," Dr. Smart dismissed the morning session with the benediction.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Monday was Missionary Day, and the morning session was devoted to Home Missions. The worship service, in charge of the two Home Secretaries, consisted of the hymn "My Jesus as Thou Wilt," prayer led by Mrs. J. W. Downs, a Scripture lesson from Luke x. given by Mrs. J. H. McCoy, and the hymn "Saviour, More Than Life to Me."

The presence of two members of the Council who had come in since the last business session—Mr. C. G. Hounshell, Candidate Secretary of the Board; and Dr. R. L. Russell, Home Secretary of the Board—was noted, and these two brethren presented to the body.

Announcements were made.

The following recommendation from the Committee on Laws was presented by Mrs. J. H. Stewart: "Inasmuch as the new Constitution has changed the number and personnel of the Standing Committees, the Committee on Laws recommend that the action of the last session of the Council, in appointing these committees, be rescinded, and that the committee to supply vacancies on the committees be empowered to name new committees." The recommendation was adopted.

The motion prevailed that Calendar Rule No. 5 be suspended that an item of Report Number 1 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work might be put upon its passage at once. The paper was taken

from the Calendar, read, and the names of home missionaries presented for consecration at the evening session were read and the home missionaries accepted. (See report, page 152.)

On motion, Calendar Rule Number 5 was again suspended that the report of the Committee on Candidates might be read and put upon its passage at once. The report was presented by the chairman of the Committee, Mrs. E. B. Chappell. Section 1 of the report, being historical, was placed upon record at once. Section 2, concerning candidates for missionary work, was taken from the Calendar, read by the Calendar clerk, and adopted as read. (See reports, page 158.)

The order of the day was taken up, and the following home workers presented by the Secretaries in charge:

Miss Hazel Cooper, from Centenary Methodist Institute, Nashville, Tenn., spoke of the "Work of the Wesley House." This she said was to bring every one touched to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ and to get each to conform to God's plans for one's life.

Miss Falla Richardson, from the Eva Comer Coöperative Home, Birmingham, Ala., outlined the inestimable benefits to young womanhood of such institutions.

Miss Nettie Stroup, from Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo., told of "The Organization in the Wesley House."

Miss Bessie Brand, appointed to North Mississippi for Rural Work, at which task she had been working since November, spoke of the need for missionary aid in the rural groups, where pastors and people welcome the help of the worker.

Miss Minnie Webb, from the Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex., gave a glimpse of "The Soul of a Mexican as Seen by a Kindergartner," saying that she might give her whole talk in 1 Corinthians xii. 22.

Mrs. Laura White, Home Missionary to Houma, La., spoke of "The French Field a Rural Problem." There the chief difficulties grow out of ignorance, inefficiency, and poverty.

Miss Mamie Robinson, from a public school at Temple, Tex., told of "The Soul of a Mexican as Seen by a Public School Teacher." She found the Mexican children eager to learn and to do their bit when they are taught.

Miss Charlotte Dye, Superintendent of the Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga., speaking of "The Problem of the Dependent Girl," said that real poverty is the greatest cause of dependency.

Miss Frances Mann, Head Resident of the Wesley Community House, Fort Worth, Tex., spoke of "The Soul of a Mexican as Seen by a Head Resident."

Miss Dorothy Crim, Head Resident, Wesley Community House, Ensley, Ala, told of "The Italian—In America, in Italy." She said restrictions of immigration laws which prolong the delay in reuniting families and intolerance of prohibition make more difficult the task of reaching these people, and that sympathy plus respect will lift them up and give them hope.

Miss Martha Nutt, from the Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn., in speaking on "The Discovery of a Southern Negro by a Southern White Woman," gave prejudice and ignorance as the chief cause of our failure to understand the Negro in our midst.

Miss Lois Tinsley, Head Resident of the Wesley Community House, Biloxi, Miss., told of her work with "The Migrant of the Gulf Coast," a foreigner who may work in the cannery in the winter, on the truck farm in the summer, or, as in the case of the "Cajan," in the factory. Here superstition and fear of the priest make the work difficult.

Miss Bertha Cox, from the Wesley Community House, Nashville, Tenn., spoke of the "Daily Vacation Bible Schools," where an appreciated effort is made to save from the dangers of idleness in the summer the children reached by the Welsey House, and, through them, the parents.

Miss Berta Ellison, Head Resident of St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La., presented the "Experiences in Christian Social Evangelism at St. Mark's" and thanked the Council in the name of the people to whom the plant ministers, the Board, and the five resident workers for the beautiful new building just completed there.

Mr. K. E. East, Superintendent of Sue Bennett School, spoke of "My First Year in a Mission School." Here one school period each day is devoted to Bible study.

Miss Grace Rowland, Pastor's Assistant in Jackson, Miss., spoke of the "Opportunities for Personal Influence" in this work.

Announcements were made.

A telegram of greeting was read from Mrs. Q. J. Rowley and Mrs. George C. Cocke, of the Los Angeles Conference, and telegrams of invitation to the 1924 session to Tampa from the City Mission Board, and to Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., from the Woman's Missionary Society, and from Mrs. D. L. Simpson, District Secretary.

Prof. Garfield Evans, of the Epworth League Board, and Rev. Mr. Tumblin, father of Miss Moselle Tumblin, of North Georgia, were introduced.

Hymns "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" and "O Thou, to Whom in Ancient Time" were sung; and Dr. Smart, after reading a lesson from Matthew vi., and leading in prayer, gave the noonday lesson. He said that God wanted something that man has; that as Father his children have the privilege of communion with him; that God desires mercy toward man rather than sacrifice to God, and justice to man than tithes offered God; that the effort of true worship, public or private, is that of tuning our hearts in with God, thereby making possible the realization of his desire to come into expression in and through us.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The celebration of Missionary Day was continued Monday afternoon in the hearing of messages from foreign missionaries. The opening services were in the hands of Misses Howell and Case. The following hymns were sung: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" and "Christ for the World."

Miss Howell read a Scripture lesson from the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah, and the worship service closed with prayer led by Mrs. Ross and the hymn "Let All on Earth Their Voices Raise."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The following reports of committees were read and placed on the Calendar: Report of the Committee on Scarritt; Reports Number, 1, 2, and 3 of the Committee on Home Base; Report of the Committee on Literature; Reports Number 1 and 2 of the Committee on Race Relations; and Report Number 1 of the Committee on Foreign Fields.

Miss Ruth Self, of the Woman's College, Montgomery, Ala., representing the Student Volunteer Union of Alabama, was introduced to the Council, who greatly appreciated the greetings brought by her from that band of young people.

Miss Case presented the following missionaries from her fields:

Miss Elma Morgan and Miss Sara Stout spoke of the work at Collegio Americanio, at Porto Alegre, Brazil, including many items of interest concerning the beauty and comfort of their surroundings.

Miss Frances B. Moling, of Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos, Cuba, brought from the Cuban Church greetings and thanks for what the Council has done there; also the Baptist Church there, and the teachers and children of the school.

Miss Lelia Roberts, of Colegio Roberts, Saltillo, Mexico, gave an inspiring picture of the benefits derived from the Centenary and gifts from the Week of Prayer as represented by the new buildings at Colegio Roberts, one of the first schools in Mexico to open the doors of higher learning to women.

Miss Lillie Fox, of Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua, Mexico, gave credit to Centenary funds for this institution, opened in 1919. She said that two of her great desires had been to tear down the old buildings and to buy the Catholic school, both of which were accomplished.

Miss Sarah E. Warne, also from Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua, said that the hope of Mexico is evangelism. She spoke of the activities in the Center, including adult education, which will place the Bible in the hands of the women.

Miss Howell introduced the following workers from fields under her care:

Miss Mary M. Tarrant, of Atkinson Academy, Soochow, China, present for the first time in eighteen years, with really infectious enthusiasm, gave a glimpse into the growth and development of the work which had been accomplished not only by gifts from the Church at home, but through the aid of the prayer and sacrificial giving of the Chinese.

Miss Lelia Tuttle, from McTyeire School, Shanghai, China, where there are seven hundred girls enrolled, gave fourteen points in favor of making McTyeire School a college, the last of which she stated was that such was the original idea for McTyeire.

Miss Mary Hixson, from McTyeire School, bore testimony to the intellectuality of the girls in the grades and of their capacity for study.

Both Misses Tuttle and Hixson stated that McTyeire sends forth Christian girls who pass on the benefits received there.

Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, of Virginia School, Huchow, China, home on her first furlough, reëmphasized the crisis now on in China in the renaissance of education now in progress.

Miss Marie Raffo, from the Demonstration School at Laura Haygood School, Soochow, where there are about three hundred girls, said that each grade in this school is under the care of a graduate from the Normal School. She also spoke of the Junior Church, with a membership of three hundred drawn from the primary schools.

Miss Hallie Buie, from the Frances Hitch Girls' Primary School, Wonsan, Korea, spoke of the work there.

Miss Laura E. Edwards, of Carolina Institute, Seoul, Korea, spoke of the growth of the school to the extent that the chapel exercises and kindergarten have had to move out into the yard. Over three hundred girls were turned away from this institution last spring because of lack of room.

Miss Bertha Smith, of the day schools and evangelistic work in Songdo, Korea, after telling of the persistent demand for day schools, spoke of the value of the Bible women and of the great need pastors feel for their help.

Miss Ida Hankins, of Mary Helm School, and Vice President of Holston Institute, in speaking of her work, said: "Mary Helm School is for widows and married women; and here most gratifying results are obtained, the students becoming Christians and going out as Bible women and teachers."

Miss Mabel Whitehead, from the Social Evangelistic Center, the Golden Dream, in Oita, Japan, gave the note of hopefulness, saying: "God is leading. . . . There are one hundred and forty thousand Christians in Japan, and there we can look forward with faith that we shall see Japan a Christian nation."

Miss Howell introduced Miss Miwa Yamaga, of Japan, who has been in this country three years, one year a student at Fayette, Mo., and two years at Scarritt. Miss Yamaga brought greetings to the Council, at the same time affirming her faith in Christ and the possibilities inherent in every individual.

On motion, an expression of thanks from the body was given to the deaconesses and missionaries, home and foreign, for the encouraging messages brought by them.

Announcements were made, and the session was dismissed with prayer.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Tuesday morning the worship service, led by Mrs. J. H. Spilman, consisted of a hymn, prayer led by Deaconess Helen Gibson, hymn "I Am Coming to the Cross," a Scripture lesson of selected passages from Hebrews xi., with especial emphasis on the twenty-seventh verse; "For he endured as seeing him who is invisible," and closed with the message in song, "Coming," sung by Mrs. Taylor, of the Kentucky Conference.

The minutes of the Monday afternoon session were approved as read.

A resolution concerning the action of the General Conference touching

woman's work was read by Mrs. McEachern. On motion, the resolution was referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Chairman. These were appointed as follows: Mrs. F. A. Lamb, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, and Mrs. J. N. McEachern.

Mrs. John S. Turner and Miss Mabel K. Howell were called to the platform.

It was moved and seconded that the votes in the election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the loved and honored President, Miss Belle H. Bennett, be counted out of the room, and that the order of business continue during the counting of the votes. The motion prevailed. The tellers were appointed as follows: Distributing tellers, Miss Emma V. Peppler, Miss Julia Durham, Miss Bettie Mae Baker, Mrs. F. M. Robinson; recording tellers, Mrs. H. A. Dunham (chairman), Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, and Mrs. E. P. Williams

Mrs. Stephens expressed her appreciation of the coöperation and encouragement received from the membership of the Council during the months she has served as a substitute officer, making her confident that the Council is a unified body.

Prayers for guidance in the election were led by Mrs. John S. Turner and Miss Mabel Howell.

The members present were counted, the ballots were distributed, the vote for President taken, and the tellers retired to count the votes.

The estimates for Korea were read by the Calendar clerk, and the total appropriation of $63,193 from the Regular Budget and $91,839 from the Centenary were approved.

The tellers reported eighty-six votes cast for Council President, sixty-eight being for Mrs. F. F. Stephens.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. Stephens. The vote was cast. Mrs. Stephens in a few words expressed her appreciation of the honor, but said the responsibility could only be carried by team work. This was readily pledged by the body.

The ballot for Vice President to succeed to the vacancy made by Mrs. Stephens's election as President was taken.

The appropriation for Japan was taken from the Calendar, the total for districts was read, and the grand total for Japan ($20,066 from the Regular Budget and $66,598 from the Centenary) approved.

The appropriation for Africa was read by the Calendar clerk, and the total of $2,250 from the Regular Budget and $21,650 from the Centenary were approved.

The appropriation for Brazil was read by the Calendar clerk by Conferences, and the grand total for Brazil ($40,427 from the Regular Budget and $150,000 from the Centenary) approved.

The tellers reported a scattering ballot for Vice President, with no large vote for anyone.

A second ballot for Vice President was taken.

The appropriation for Cuba was read by stations, by the Calendar

clerk, and the total of $9,627 from the Regular Budget and $39,910 from the Centenary approved.

The appropriations for Mexico were read by districts by the Calendar clerk, and the total ($50,594 from the Regular Budget and $101,634 from the Centenary) approved.

An appropriation of $3,050 for Interboard Work was approved.

Before the appointments of deaconesses and home missionaries were read, Mrs. E. H. Kitchell, of the St. Louis Conference, gave a gospel message in song.

The home workers were called before the altar. Prayer for a blessing upon this noble band about to receive appointments for the coming year was offered by Mrs. L. P. Smith.

The appointments were read by Mrs. Stephens (see Appointments, page 154). Prayer offered by Mrs. W. F. Tillett for the workers as they go forth to their new places of service. The Council and workers joined in singing "Bless Me Now," and, with a message of encouragement and the assurance of the love of the Council, the President dismissed them.

The tellers reported a second scattering vote for Vice President, resulting in no election.

A third ballot was then taken.

The Joint Home and Foreign Appropriations were read by the Calendar clerk, and the total (Foreign, $47,549; Home $45,688; grand total, $93,237; and Scarritt, $12,500 from each Department, a total of $25,000) was approved.

The tellers reported another scattering vote, with no election.

A fourth ballot for Vice President was taken, and the tellers retired.

It was moved and carried that the consideration of the Bennett Memorial be made the order of the day for the evening session immediately following the selection of the place of meeting for the next annual session.

Announcements were made.

The Council hymn, "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart," was sung, prayer was offered by Dr. Smart, who requested that the worship service be continued by singing several familiar hymns, numbers 143, 144, and 147. These acts of devotion prepared all hearts for a gripping message based on passages from Mark x. and Luke xxiv. depicting the sufferings of Jesus because of the sins of men, his brothers, by which even now his crucifixion is continued. Opposite these sins, which seek to put to death the eternal spirit of Jesus, were placed renunciation, Jesus's interpretation of life. The hour closed with the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," which the speaker said "would placard Jesus before our spirits."

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon worship service, led by Mrs. Lee Britt, consisted of the hymn "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," Psalm xci. read responsively, prayer, the hymn "Be Strong," closed with hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

Mrs. Dunham, chairman of the tellers, reported that the fourth ballot for Vice President had resulted in no election. On motion, the taking of the fifth ballot was deferred until some of the members absent from the room should return.

The following reports were placed on the Calendar:

Report Number 3 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work; Report Number 2 of the Committee on Foreign Work; and Report of Committee on Home Fields.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee concerning members of the Council holding a dual relation to the body was taken from the Calendar, read, considered, and adopted as read. (See report, page 181.)

The motion prevailed that Calendar Rule Number 5 be suspended that the reports of the Committee on Race Relations might be read and put upon their passage at once. Report No. 1, concerning the abolition of mob violence and lynching, was read.

Dr. W. W. Alexander was invited to speak. Before speaking on the question, he delivered a message from Mrs. Luke Johnson, who had sent greetings to the women. The Council was happy to learn that Mrs. Johnson was growing better and hoped soon to be out. He then spoke vigorously of the methods to be used in trying to eradicate this sore spot, mob violence.

Report Number 1 was then adopted as read. (See report, page 169.)

Report Number 2, on Race Relations, was read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 169.)

Estimates for Home Work were then taken from the Calendar. It was moved and seconded that the item fixing the salary of the Port Missionary at Galveston be amended by the addition of $400. The motion prevailed.

The tellers reported that of seventy-eight votes cast in the last ballot for Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Perry, of Nashville, had received a majority. The President declared Mrs. Perry elected; and, on motion, the Secretary was instructed to wire Mrs. Perry of her election.

The ballot for the three members of the Executive Committee to be chosen from the members of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions was taken.

On motion, Calendar Rule Number 5 was suspended that the report of the Committee on Scarritt Bible Training School might be taken from the Calendar out of regular order. The paper was read by the Calendar clerk and considered by items.

It was moved and seconded that paragraph (*c*) under item 3 be amended by the insertion of the word "lay" between the words "of" and "religious." The motion prevailed.

Paragraph (*d*) of item 3 was, on motion, amended by the addition of the words "Bible and Training School" after the word "Scarritt" and the insertion of the words "Belle H." before the word "Bennett."

The ballot for members of the Executive Committee was announced by Mrs. Dunham. Mrs. J. H. Spilman and Mrs. Hobdy were elected.

The ballot for the third member from the Woman's Committee was taken.

Announcements were made.

The following telegram was read: "Grace be with you all, Hebrews xiii. 21." Mrs. G. W. Matthews.

The motion to adjourn prevailed, and the afternoon session was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Dr. W. W. Alexander.

FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The opening worship service was conducted by Mrs. L. P. Smith. After the singing of hymns and prayer led by Mrs. Spilman, Dr. Smart read the Bible lesson from 2 Corinthians vi., teaching the lesson of Paul's self-forgetfulness and the marvelous power of God to channel through his earthly children in fulfilling his eternal purposes. This service was concluded with the hymn "Be Strong."

As a special musical offering, Mrs. Cochran then sang "Life's Highway."

The ballot for the third member of the Executive Committee resulted in the election of Mrs. Lee Britt.

The time having arrived for invitations for the 1924 Council meeting, Tampa was put in nomination by Mrs. Jenkins, seconded by Mrs. Gross, who pictured the Cuban people and the attractions of this sunny peninsula. Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander set forth additional merits of Tampa. Mrs. J. H. McCoy urged its advantages, saying that it set forth a close view of Foreign Missions as well as Home Missions.

The Old North State's invitation was sung by eighteen of her fairest daughters as they waved the long-leaf pine branches, after which breezy scene Mrs. Newell set forth the advantages in a convincing manner. There were many speeches seconding the invitation, telling of the wonderful natural scenery.

The speeches were quite equal to the standard of the one hour of levity permitted the Council, and when the vote was taken Tampa received the highest number.

The hour having come for taking pledges for the Belle H. Bennett Memorial Fund, the President called to the platform Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss M. L. Gibson, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Deaconess Bessie Allen, and Miss Tarrant, of China. The Council Hymn, "O Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart," was sung, followed with prayers led by Mrs. J. W. Downs and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.

Mrs. Stephens read extracts from letters written from Brazil and China, voicing approval of the memorial to our ascended leader and expressing a desire to have some part in it.

Miss Tarrant, of China, spoke of Miss Bennett's spiritual children, who call her blessed all over the world.

Miss Gibson, who was closer to her than anyone else, spoke of the part Miss Bennett had in the making of Scarritt Bible and Training School and said that the memorial to be built will be a fitting one. She told a beauti-

ful story of her intense interest in all people, regardless of class or condition.

Deaconess Bessie Allen spoke touchingly of Miss Bennett's understanding of and sympathy for all of the workers and of her influence upon the lives of the young women in Scarritt.

Miss Howell counted it a great privilege to do this, that thereby honor could be given to Miss Bennett's memory as in the memorial her Lord would be honored, and such would be well pleasing to Miss Bennett. She also told of a memorial service held for her in China, where it was said that the women of China owed much to her, proving thereby that, while Miss Bennett was ours, she belonged to the whole world as well.

While many of the Conferences were unprepared to make definite pledges, a note of hope was sounded and a number of large pledges made.

Miss Haskin spoke of Miss Bennett's part in building and carrying on the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

The doxology was sung, and Dr. Smart pronounced the benediction.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

In the worship service Wednesday morning, after the gospel songs, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Take the Name of Jesus with You," and prayer led by Miss Minnie Webb, Mrs. Spilman read a lesson from Isaiah xl., and stressed the power of sustaining, strengthening prayer. The service closed with the hymn, "Still, Still with Thee," sung as a solo by Miss Mary M. Tarrant.

The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions of the previous day were read and approved.

In the absence of the newly elected Vice President, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, President of the Southwest Missouri Conference, and Mrs. John S. Turner, President of the North Texas Conference, were requested to assist the President in presiding this last day of the session.

The President was requested to appoint the committee called for to carry forward the Belle H. Bennett Memorial, and, on motion, the President was requested to serve on this committee.

The motion prevailed that Calendar Rule be suspended that a resolution from the Committee on Social Service might be presented at once.

The resolution was read and adopted as follows:

"*Resolved:* 1. That we hereby request the President of the United States to appoint Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Chairman of the Commission on Temperance and Social Service of our Church, to be one of the official delegates from the United States to the International Congress on Alcoholism which meets in Copenhagen, August 20-25.

"2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded at once to the President and to the Secretary of State."

Reports 1, 2, and 3 of the Committee on Social Service and the report of the Committee on Home Cultivation were read and placed on the Calendar.

Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, of North Arkansas, spoke of plans for increasing the pledge for Greater Scarritt.

Mrs. Ross, Treasurer, announced that the first check for the Bennett Memorial had been received during the morning session from Miss Otie Branstetter.

Consideration of the estimates for the home work was resumed. Mrs. Downs explained the item for Bethlehem House work, Nashville, Tenn.

On motion, the appropriation for Bible teachers was amended by the addition of an item of $900 as a part of the salary of a Bible teacher at William and Mary's College, Williamsburg, Va.

The report was again amended. In the section for City Missions the item for Atlanta was increased from $256.77 by the addition of $106.88, and that for Memphis was decreased from $706.02 to $139.89, the total amended item on City Missions being $9,188.11. The report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 163.)

Section B of the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, which had failed to receive the required number of affirmative votes by correspondence, was taken from the Calendar, read by the Calendar clerk, and considered by items. Item 3 was amended by the substitution of the words "Missionary Education" for the words "Educational Work."

It was moved and seconded that Paragraph (*b*), under Item 14, be amended by striking out the words "She shall have charge of subscriptions to the *Missionary Voice* and *Young Christian Worker.*"

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 169).

Report Number 1 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work was read and considered.

The motion prevailed that the name of Miss Bessie Allen be lifted from the list of missionaries and be placed among the deaconesses.

Report Number 2 of the Committee on City Mission Work concerning Regional Conferences was read by the Calendar clerk, considered, Item 3 was amended by the addition of the words "and Conference Superintendents of Social Service," and the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 153.)

It was moved and seconded that the committee called for in this report be appointed by the Chair, that they may bring in a report to this session. The motion prevailed.

Report Number 3 of the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work, concerning the Refund was read by the Calendar clerk, considered, and adopted as read. (See report, page 154.)

Announcements were made and the noon worship service entered upon with the singing of hymns "We may not Climb the Heavenly Steeps" and "Crown Him with Many Crowns." Dr. Smart then gave the last of the series of Bible lessons, based on the closing paragraphs of the Sermon on the Mount and the opening paragraphs of John xiv. Still picturing Jesus as our great Example, he said: "Divine qualities of Jesus demand to be seen, approved, and appropriated."

The hour closed with the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name," followed by the benediction.

SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon devotional service, conducted by Mrs. W. F. Tillett, consisted of the hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," a Scripture lesson from Philippians ii., with comments on the fullness of its teaching, and prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The following papers were read and placed on the Calendar: Report of the Session Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, Reports Numbers 3 and 4 of the Committee on Foreign Fields; three resolutions concerning the sale of three pieces of property in Kansas City, Mo., the report of the Special Committee on Participation in the Superannuate Campaign; and Report Number 2 of the Committee on Home Field.

The report of the Committee on Lectureships was read for information and placed on record. It is interesting to note from this report that Rev. W. F. Tillett, D.D., of Vanderbuilt University, is the MacDonell Lecturer for 1923, and Rev. Lynn Harold Hough, D.D., pastor of the First Methodist Church, Detroit, Mich., the lecturer for 1924. (See report, page 179.)

The following committee on the Belle H. Bennett Memorial was announced: Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Miss M. L. Gibson, and Mrs. F. F. Stephens.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell gave an interesting report of a visit to Miss Annie Cogdon, a shut-in of Mobile, whose heart is in the missionary work and who is eager for a part in the Belle H. Bennett Memorial. Mrs. MacDonell placed her name at the head of the list of those who, through intercession, will help to make possible the Greater Scarritt. To this list were added the names of "Josie," Miss Bennett's valued black friend, and Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander, who entered the work as a foreign missionary to Brazil in 1884, serving there some years and later giving appreciated service in the home field.

Mrs. L. P. Smith spoke of friends in England and elsewhere beyond the bounds of Southern Methodism whose prayers for the success of the work of the Council unite with those here at home.

A resolution bearing the signatures of thirty-six members of the body, seeking to discontinue the use of the Calendar, was presented by Mrs. A. B. Smith. On motion, the paper was put upon its passage at once. The following substitute, offered by Mrs. J. H. Stewart, and seconded by Mrs. W. A. Newell, was adopted: "That the Calendar be retained and that the Calendar Rules be simplified.

The Executive Committee were named as the committee to simplify the Calendar Rules before the next Council meeting.

Mrs. J. W. Downs gave a touching message from Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for twenty-six years editor of the *King's Messenger*.

On motion, Calendar Rule 5 was suspended that a paper might be taken from the Calendar out of its regular order.

The memorial concerning participation in the Superannuate Campaign was then read and, after discussion, adopted as read. (See report, page 182.) The Secretary was authorized to send this memorial to the General Board of Finance.

The report of the Committee on Plans for Superannuate Campaign were taken from the Calendar, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 182.)

Report Number 1 of the Committee on Home Cultivation, concerning missionary education, was taken from the Calendar, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 164.)

Report Number 2 of the Committee on Home Cultivation, concerning Children's Work, was taken from the Calendar, read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 164.)

Report Number 3 of the Committee on Home Cultivation, concerning Young People's Work was read, and considered seriatim. The motion to amend by striking out Item 3, providing for a probation list among Young People's auxiliaries, was lost, and the report was adopted as read. (See report, page 165.)

On motion, Calendar Rule Number 5 was suspended that Report Number 4 of the Committee on Home Cultivation might be considered. The report was read, considered, and adopted as read. (See report, page 166.)

Mrs. Stephens reported having presented to the janitor the gift contributed for him by the women of the Council. In return she brought from him to the women an expression of sincere thanks for the gift, which would make conditions a bit easier at home for him and his children.

The report of the Committee on Literature was taken from the Calendar, read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 163.)

Report Number 1 of the Committee on Foreign Fields was taken from the Calendar, read, amended by striking out Item 3, and adopted as amended. (See report, page 161)

Report Number 2 of the Committee on Foreign Fields was taken from the Calendar, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 161.)

In response to the call for papers ready for the Calendar, the following were presented: A Supplement to Report Number 3 of the Committee on Home Cultivation and the report of the Committee to Nominate Members of Standing Committees.

The Committee on Home Mission Regional Conferences, ordered by action of the preceding session, was appointed as follows: Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. J. H. McCoy.

The motion prevailed to adjourn to meet at 7:30 P.M., and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. J. L. Cuninggim.

SIXTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session opened with a devotional service led by Deaconess Mary Ora Durham. This consisted of the hymn, "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart," a Bible lesson from Philippians iv., and the Council Hymn, "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart," sung as a prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved as read.

The President stated that the following telegram had been received from Mrs. J. W. Perry in response to the message from the Secretary regarding her election as Vice President: "Your confidence thus expressed touches me deeply."

Report Number 1 of the Committee on Home Field was taken from the Calendar, read, and considered by items.

Item 2 of the second division was amended by the insertion of the words "and of the Louisville," thereby placing Council members from both Kentucky and Louisville Conferences on the Advisory Board of the Sue Bennett Memorial School.

Item 2 of Division 4, concerning the opening of new work, was amended by the addition of "the Woman's Missionary Society of the West Oklahoma Conference," thereby permitting the Conference to coöperate with the City Mission Board in opening a Wesley House in Oklahoma City. The report was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 159.)

Report Number 1 of the Committee on Social Service was taken from the Calendar, read, amended by the insertion of the words completing the title of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ of America, and the report as a whole adopted as amended. (See report, page 167.)

Reports Numbers 2 and 3 of the Committee on Social Service were read and adopted as read. (See reports, page 167.)

Mrs. Ross announced the following as the totals of the pledges for 1923: Adult, $766,078; Young People, $59,610; Children, $56,650.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary send a message to Governor Brandon, of Alabama, son of one of the first members of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions.

The following motion, presented by Miss Howell, was seconded and passed: "That the Council send through its President and Secretary a special letter to the Scarritt family, in Kansas City, voicing the appreciation of the Council for all they have done for the Training School, explaining fully the reasons for the proposed change, and expressing the sympathy of the Council in their distress over the removal of the school.

The report of a Special Committee to consider resolutions concerning a message to be sent to the Board of Missions, presented by Mrs. J. N. McEachern, was taken from the Calendar, read, and adopted as read as follows:

The Special Committee appointed by the chair to consider the resolutions presented by Mrs. McEachern submit the following report:

The majority of the committee feel that it is unwise to present this paper at this time.

MRS. FRED A. LAMB, *Chairman;*
MRS. R. L. HOBDY, *Secretary.*

The Report of the Session Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was taken from the Calendar, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 177.)

Report Number 3 of the Committee on Foreign Fields was read, considered by items, amended by the insertion of the word "missionary" before the word "nurses" in Item 4, and the report as a whole adopted as amended. (See report, page 162.)

Report Number 4 of the Committee on Foreign Fields was read, and amended by the addition of the sentence "That if possible this provision become retroactive from September 1, 1922." The report was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 162.)

Report Number 2 of the Committee on Home Field was read, considered, and adopted as read. (See report, page 161.)

Three resolutions touching the sale of three pieces of property in Kansas City and duly signed by the Council President and Recording Secretary were taken from the Calendar, read, and adopted as read as follows:

Resolution.

Be it resolved by the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in regular annual meeting assembled, that Edward L. Scarritt, Fredus N. Peters, Isaac P. Ryland, James R. Dominick, Charles W. Moore, Murray H. Davis, and William M. Reed, Trustees, holding the legal title to the real estate in Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo., hereinafter described, in trust for said Woman's Missionary Council, be and they are hereby authorized, empowered, directed, and ordered to effect a sale and to sell and convey the whole of said real estate for the best price and upon the best terms obtainable; provided, however, that the price and terms of such sale shall be submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee of said Woman's Missionary Council before the consummation of such sale by the execution of a deed conveying said real estate—said real property being described as follows, to wit: All of lots numbered one hundred thirty-nine (139), one hundred forty (140), and the west sixty (60) feet of lot numbered one hundred forty-one (141) in East Melrose, an addition to the City of Kansas, now Kansas City, Mo., as the same are marked and designated on the recorded plat of said addition, together with all buildings and improvements now situated thereon.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens, *President;*
Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker, *Secretary.*

Resolution.

Be it resolved by the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in regular annual meeting assembled, that Jared C. Gant, Sr., and James R. Dominick, Trustees, holding the legal title to the real estate in Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo., hereinafter described, in trust for the use and benefit of said Woman's Missionary Council, be and they are hereby authorized, empowered, directed, and requested to sell and convey said real estate for the best price and upon the best terms obtainable; provided, however, that the price and terms of such sale shall be submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee of said Woman's Missionary Council before the consummation of such sale by the execution of a deed conveying said real estate—said real estate being described as follows, to wit: All of lot seventy-nine (79) of Melrose, an addition in Kansas City; and also all of lot one hundred forty-eight

(148) of East Melrose, an addition in said Kansas City, as said lots are marked and designated respectively on the plats of said additions.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *President;*
MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Secretary.*

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MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *President;*
MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Secretary.*

A supplement to report Number 3 of the Committee on Home Cultivation, concerning the appointment of a committee to treat with a like committee from the Epworth League Board in regard to organization among Young People, was taken from the Calendar and read. Prof. Garfield Evans, of the Epworth League Board, was invited to speak. He explained the desire of the League Board. The report was amended by striking out the words "with powers similar to those of the Committee from the Epworth League Board" and adding "the report to be referred to the Woman's Missionary Council at its next session." The report was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 165.)

The report of the committee to nominate the members of the Standing Committees was read, amended by the addition of Mrs. Lipscomb's name to the Committee on Estimates, and adopted as amended. (See report, page 181.)

The report of the Committee on Laws, read by Mrs. J. H. Stewart, was adopted as read as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

The Committee on Laws submit the following report: All memorials and resolutions have been reported out of committees and all Calendar reports have been acted upon.

MRS. LEE BRITT,
MRS. J. H. STEWART,
MRS. W. A. NEWELL.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, and adopted as follows by a rising vote:

RESOLUTIONS.

Gratitude, one of the noblest emotions that can fill the human heart, has been evoked in this body as we have gathered from day to day in this

stately auditorium to consider the work of the kingdom. On every hand are the evidences of thoughtful preparation, even to minutest detail, for the comfort and pleasure of the guests of the Methodist Churches of this city, which have welcomed our coming with cordial, outstretched hands overflowing with a lavish and generous hospitality, and for these evidences of loving care our hearts are filled with deep appreciation of the Mobile Missionary Union, to whose capable hands the arrangements for this great occasion have been committed, and through whose efforts has been given an earnest of the abounding and gracious hospitality of which we have been the recipients from day to day.

We have been highly favored in the honored visitors who have contributed so largely to the pleasure and profit of this session of the Council. Never before have five of our chief shepherds met with us, and it is with gratitude that we acknowledge the presence and helpful messages of Bishops Mouzon, Cannon, Hay, Boaz, and Dobbs, which they brought us by their sermons and missionary addresses.

It is gratifying that so many of our brethren of the ministry manifested their interest in our work by their attendance. To the pastor of this Church we are indebted for many personal attentions.

The presence of our former beloved Home Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, has been a source of deepest pleasure, recalling many delightful memories of years of association. Her participation in the service in memory of our beloved leader, Miss Belle H. Bennett, was most fitting, and our own hearts make most grateful recognition of her beautiful tribute.

Our noon hour of devotion has stirred our deepest spiritual emotions, and we thank Dr. W. A. Smart for his splendid and vivid presentation of his topic, "The Teachings of Jesus."

As we have listened to our missionaries and deaconesses in their reports from their several fields our hearts have thrilled with pride and thankfulness in the devoted consecration of our workers. Each morning as our spirits were refreshed and strengthened for the duties of the new day, we were thankful indeed for the lessons that were brought to us from the rich experience of our own Mrs. Spilman.

To the pages and to the Boy Scouts, who have served faithfully and well, we return sincere thanks.

Since we are threefold in our nature, and our intellectual and spiritual needs were so abundantly met, we were ready to enter with keen enjoyment into the various devices for our physical well-being. Seldom, if ever, have the gastronomic and æsthetic elements been so happily blended as in the luncheons provided by our kind hostesses. The daintily prepared dishes, the beautiful adorned tables truly made dining a fine art.

Music, rendered by the choir, solists, and the pupils of the Shell Road School, added the "concord of sweet sounds;" and day by day our eyes were delighted by harmonies of color in the exquisite flowers which the Union and Alabama Missionary Conference contributed to the general attractiveness of our surroundings. And at the close of the sessions of Friday and Saturday the Union showed its wonderful thoughtfulness by a drive through the streets of the beautiful city and by the restful and refreshing boat trip across the bay.

All of these attentions will long dwell in our grateful memories.

To the press we extend thanks for many courtesies in reporting the sessions of the Council.

Now that we have come to the parting of the ways, it is with sincere reluctance we depart from this city of so many attractions, and remembering the beautiful significance of the name of Alabama, "Here we rest," we are inclined to accept the invitation, and would fain linger amid these charming scenes; but since the strength gathered here bids us go forth to our varied duties with renewed earnestness, we say good-by to our friends in

Mobile with hearts overflowing with grateful memories which shall be as unfading as garlands of immortelles.

MRS. LUCY H. ROBERTSON, *Chairman;*
MRS. J. H. DICKEY.

The following were appointed on the committee called for in the supplement to Report Number 3 of the Committee on Home Cultivation to act with a like committee from the Epworth League Board in considering the grounds for closer coöperation or unification and to devise ways and means for such procedure, the report to be referred to the Woman's Missionary Council at its next session: Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. W. J. Piggott.

The motion prevailed that the Workers' Council be held next year.

It was further moved and seconded that the meeting of the Workers' Council precede that of the Woman's Missionary Council, and that Mrs. Nat G. Rollins be appointed leader. The motion prevailed.

On motion, the Council rose that the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions might hold their annual meetings.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions was called to order by the First Vice President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens.

The roll was called by the Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Parker.

The President, Miss Belle H. Bennett, having entered into rest since the last Annual Meeting, Mrs. F. F. Stephens was, on motion, elected President and Mrs. J. W. Perry was elected to succeed Mrs. Stephens as First Vice President.

The General Secretary, Mrs. J. H. McCoy, reported a gift by legacy amounting to $736.99. The Associate Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Downs, reported having collected a legacy of $1,000 left to the Ann Browder Home, afterwards known as the Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex.

The Treasurer and Recording Secretary made their reports.

The business having been completed, the Woman's Board of Home Missions adjourned.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was called to order by the First Vice President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens.

The roll was called by the Secretary.

The President, Miss Belle H. Bennett having entered into the life more abundant July 20, 1922, Mrs. F. F. Stephens was elected to fill the vacancy, and Mrs. J. W. Perry was elected to succeed Mrs. Stephens as First Vice President.

Miss Esther Case, Associate Secretary, reported a transaction in Cienfuegoes, Cuba, involving $70,000.

Miss Mabel Howell, Corresponding Secretary, asked permission to sell the old Carolina Institute, in Seoul, Korea, and the same was granted. A sale of Anadarko property amounting to $58 was also reported.

The Treasurer and Recording Secretary made their reports.

On motion, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions adjourned.

The Woman's Missionary Council reassembled.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved as read.

The thirty-third Psalm was read in unison and, with prayer led by Dr. J. D. Hunter, pastor of St. Francis Street Church, the thirteenth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council was adjourned.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *President;*
MRS. FITZGERALD SALE PARKER, *Recording Secretary.*

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1923.

Each Council meeting means a retreat or an advance. We cannot retreat, we must go forward."—*Bennett*, 1914.

Once again the Woman's Work has been called upon to go through a period of reconstruction, and this for the third time since the writer of this message has been a member of the Woman's legislative body in the Church. Twelve years ago we faced a new era on the basis of amalgamation of the Home Mission officers and the Foreign Missions officers into a unified board of control. That was when the three great mission boards of the Church became one. In the unexpected dissolution of the Women's Boards, and the necessary readjustment at that time, the changes affected largely the machinery of control. They were made chiefly in the directing agencies and did not so much affect the women in the local Churches.

Eight years ago a far different change took place, one that affected every auxiliary to the remotest bounds of the Church. The Council meeting of 1915 saw the consummation of the organic union of all the local bands of foreign mission workers and home mission workers throughout the connection, and during that quadrennium there was the patient relearning of auxiliary and Conference methods of work. Well was the lesson learned. Wonderful were the results that emerged through that long and painful process. The union became a real one because of love of the Master and love of the sister women who worked together for all the women the old earth around.

Now there comes this third period of change, not for Conference and auxiliary this time, but for Council and Board. It is not the devoted women you have left at work in your home Churches who will notice the differences, but you who are members of this body.

We are gathered here at His command. There is not a woman in this membership who did not wait upon God before coming to this place. There are three classes of new members in the Council this morning: the women who were formerly "managers," who now become members at large; the women who are *ex officio* Council members because of election to the Board of Missions; and the women who have been elected from their Conference for the first time. Some of you have served the Council joyously and lovingly for many years. We rejoice that you are still with us. Some of you have never met with us before. You are welcome to our love and fellowship, welcome to labors and responsibilities. If you are close students of the situation, you will notice odd elements in this one; but they

were not of our selection. May membership mean for you a training in a school of service, a practice school! May your connection with the organization be a blessing to you and to it!

We have already entered upon work under a new Board of Missions and a changed Constitution and By-Laws. A year ago we met, if not in trembling, at least in a fog of doubt, for the General Conference was in the near future, and other bodies whose work is so closely linked with ours as to affect us deeply looked forward to vital changes. How would they affect us? To-day the ordeal is over, and we may pick up the pieces and ask where we are. Just what are the changes that have come to pass?

1. In response to a widespread demand from the Church in its several Conferences, the membership of the Board of Missions was enlarged to include a representative from each Annual Conference. One-third of these are women. The ratio of woman membership is not greatly changed. Hitherto there were seventeen women in a Board membership of sixty-four; now there are twenty-four women in a Board membership of eighty-two.

2. The women on the Board constitute a Department. This is a decided change from any arrangement which the Church has known before. The General Work is in two Departments, Home and Foreign. The three Departments have a single Executive Committee of six men and three women. to which *ad interim* business shall be referred. The function of the Department is administrative.

3. The membership of the Council has been enlarged by the addition of the women members of the Board of Missions. It does not have the power, as heretofore, of nominating its Adminstrative Secretaries or the woman editor of the *Voice*. The Secretaries are elected by the General Conference without nomination, and the editor is elected by the Board upon nomination of the Secretarial Conference. Under its general power of recommendation, however, it may recommend the names of women whom it would like to see in those offices. The Treasurer and the Cultivation Secretaries are still nominated by the Council, as in the past three quadrenniums.

4. A new power which comes to the Conference Missionary Societies is the nomination of the women who are to be members of the Board of Missions. At your annual meeting next preceeding the General Conference you will nominate a woman for Board membership. From among the women thus nominated, the fourteen who are to serve during the next quadrennium will be elected. A good change, and one which furthers the interests of that democracy for which we have been working.

5. Your request, voted last year at San Antonio, that the President of the auxiliary shall be a member of the Quarterly Conference, was granted and has become a law.

Those are the changes. What powers are left? The Woman's Missionary Council has its powers and functions, as outlined in Paragraphs 296 and 297 of the Discipline, practically untouched. The property and finances of the woman's work are carefully guarded. The Council, through

its function of determining pledges, making collections, and recommending expenditures, still keeps a kindly, controlling hand on the money power of the work. Through its touch, intimate and affectionate, on the multitude of women who contribute to the accomplishment of its task, it still has the power to open to the mind of its membership a new vision of a new world that shall be to-morrow what they plan and work to-day to make it. The horizon still widens.

The Executive Committee of the Council in mid-year session last October studied the relation between the Council and the newly created Department of Woman's Work, as the points of contact were listed by a joint committee from the two bodies of women. A part of the preamble of the report of that joint committee should be heartily indorsed in mind and spirit by every member of the Council. It is this: "Since the women of the Church are authorized to organize and conduct missionary societies for the purpose of promoting missionary intelligence and activity and securing missionary funds, a great task demanding solidarity of spirit and effort; and since the Council and the Department of Woman's Work are jointly responsible to the womanhood of the Church and to their Heavenly Father for the faithful discharge of this obligation; and since the Council is the representative body of Conference and auxiliary organizations, which makes possible the work to be administered through the Department of Woman's Work—therefore it is the firm conviction of your committee that all the women recognized as leaders in this task should consider themselves as one in heart, purpose, and organization, feeling that this is the intent and purpose of the Constitution as given by the General Conference.

Giving diligence to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

The Council and the World.

A month ago the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America issued a public statement in which it called for an end to American aloofness in international affairs. It protested against the theory that the people of the country have given a mandate to the government to stay out of Europe, and expressed the conviction that the United States should take the initiative in calling an international conference to consider the whole economic situation in Europe—debts, reparations, and other problems. The Federal Council represents thirty-one denominations, made up of some twenty-four millions of communicants. It calls upon all Church people to join in making this attitude known to the President and to their representatives, as well as to the public at large.

It further asks for a definite protest against any settlement of the Near East situation on any basis of expediency of commercial advantages. It asks for full powers for our delegates in any further conference on the subject, and, if the Lausanne Conference is not renewed, initiative on our part for an international commission to deal with the whole refugee problem of the Near East.

These admirably timed requests strike a responsive chord in all our hearts. We should go on record, as a part of the constituency of the

Federal Council, as indorsing the action they have taken. The Council and all it represents cannot fail to be a coöperative agency in such a movement.

This body has a larger outlook than the one its own denomination affords. The extent to which it may influence the world perhaps it does not appreciate. As individuals we have given our substance for Near East Relief, binding up the wounds of those who have been stricken and robbed, providing food for the starving, clothes for the naked, medical service for the sick, sympathy for the sorrowing. Thousands of children, so says the official report, would not be living to-day had not you and your associates coöperated in the relief. But that is not enough. Moral influence is a power given to be wielded. To awaken the world to a conviction that Christian principles are as binding upon national as upon personal conduct is the task of the Christian Church.

The Council—After the Centenary.

For five years, in the Council and at home, we have talked and worked "Centenary." First the educational plans came to us, in which the women did efficient and never-to-be-forgotten service. The actual campaign for pledges followed. Then, year by year, for four years, we have studied the recommendations for spending. And always, over all and through all, there has been the urge of the collections.

Now, as an organization which has erected great buildings, opened new mission projects, extended schools which were eager for expansion, and sent out scores of new workers, it is time for the question, "After the Centenary, what?" One more year and the answer to that question will be imperative.

The Foreign Department alone has sent out fifty-six missionaries on Centenary salaries. Of this number, a few are not now in active service, but more will be sent from this year's class. The salaries of these women from Centenary funds cease at the end of the year. Next year the Council must provide those salaries. If each Conference will take charge of those who went from its own bounds, that matter will be quietly cared for.

Then there is the huge item of increased running expenses which must be considered. In this connection it is to be remembered, first, that the expenditures on Centenary account have been largely in the line of additions to permanent equipment, so that work already begun may be better carried on. These expenses will not need to be duplicated in the immediate future. Remember, second, that the Council, because of the standard year plan, has counted hundreds of thousands of dollars from its regular revenue into the Centenary fund. Beginning with 1924, all the regular revenue of the Council may be appropriated for regular mission expenses at home and abroad. But after giving due heed to these two explanatory items, the fact remains that there will be need of an increased budget for the post-Centenary period.

Many of you will have your annual meetings before the Council assembles again. Will you hold these two aims before your membership: See

that your Conference makes provision for the salaries of your own missionaries who have been Centenary "specials;" and see that the need of an increased budget for general expenses is understood?

Keep Missionary Societies Missionary.

That brings up another point upon which the correspondence of the year indicates a word of warning to be necessary. In a single sentence it is: "Keep the missionary societies missionary."

The Woman's Missionary Council, the Conference Missionary Society, the local auxiliary, each has its well-defined duties. And those duties are all based solidly on the foundation rock of missions. Laws and by-laws are perfectly clear. Collections in missionary societies for special causes which are not indorsed by the Council are prohibited.

Notwithstanding the clearly worded and much-emphasized rules, some speakers with enthusiastic pleas for projects near their own hearts have led our women into financial enterprises entirely unauthorized by the Council or the Board of Missions.

Each of the great Boards of the Church has its carefully planned work. Each Board has its line of activity. Its responsibility has a definite sphere. Keep the missionary societies missionary. There is the task legally set for us. To do it will tax all our powers.

The Belle H. Bennett Memorial.

We have lost a leader who saw the missionary work of her Church grow from its beginning to a mighty force operating in nine great mission fields, an influence only the Father knows. Miss Bennett guided the women of the Church so patiently, so lovingly, so wisely during the years she was President of the Council that her memory is enshrined in our hearts. It is fitting that the women of Southern Methodism shall do something to keep her name and her memory before the Church in perpetuity, and at the same time honor her in a specific work. The Scarritt Bible and Training School was perhaps the greatest single work of her lifetime, and it is the opinion of the officers of the Council that a memorial to her should be connected with that school. It was she who first realized the need of a place where missionaries might receive specialized training for their life work. It was she who presented the cause to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and was thereupon appointed to undertake the task of establishing the school. This was her first public work, and she felt very much alone as she entered upon it. Very few others believed in the enterprise. Its success as an institution, which has "elevated the efficiency of our Church in the mission field very greatly," is now a matter of history.

In memory of its founder shall it go on to greater and better things? Most characteristic of Miss Bennett was her passion of friendship for the womanhood of the world. It touched intimately the women of her now beloved denomination; it affected the women leaders of other Churches to whom she gave encouragement in every far-flung endeavor; it reached out

to girdle the world. There was no class of women, from remotest Asia to nearest America, but whose mental advancement and spiritual welfare were of interest to her. Hers was a heart whose reaches were limited only by the needs of humanity. None rejoiced more than she when educational privileges, political equality, or religious freedom came to any group of women of any nation around the world.

How can we best perpetuate this passion of friendship? Shall it not be by training others in her ideals, who shall carry on the message no longer voiced by her lips? It is for this group of women here to-day to say what form and what dimensions the memorial shall take. It is a happy thought that it shall be formed of love gifts from a great many people, each one to contribute a little. Members and friends in the whole Church, whether in America or in some other land, should be given opportunity to have a share.

In Closing.

At the head of this message I have placed a quotation from Miss Bennett, one I heard from her lips years ago. It is a deep satisfaction to testify that I have never known a Council meeting that did not advance.

We have just passed the blessed Easter time. Last Sunday, as on every Easter morning for many years, there stood outside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem a great crowd of worshipers. Each carried an unlit torch in his hand, waiting the lighting of an altar fire whose flames were communicated from one to another until the company became a living constellation of flame.

The Council has builded an unseen altar where continually burn the flames of high thinking, of noble enthusiasm, of lofty ideals, of longing for service. Our leader, who was ever the first to touch the flaming altar, and who bore her torch on high as long as God gave her strength to carry it, has passed it over into other hands. Shall it not be used to light yet other fires? May we who are gathered here catch a spark of that divine flame to take it with us wherever we go!

> "Make me a torch to be for feet that grope
> Down Truth's dim trail; to bear for wistful eyes
> Comfort of light; to bid a great beacon blaze,
> And kindle altar fires of sacrifice."

Mrs. F. F. Stephens.

CONDENSED REPORT OF AD INTERIM MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1922-23.

April 28, 1922.

The Local or Resident Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council held its last meeting April 28, 1922, and adopted the following items of business:

1. An allowance of fifty dollars ($50) per month was granted to Deaconessess Godbey and Burton during their periods of recuperation.
2. The furloughs of Deaconess Eidson and Miss Bunn, due in two years,

were advanced to the current year, and the furlough salaries for the periods granted.

3. The Secretary in charge was authorized to accept by wire the four hundred dollars ($400) offered for the original Rosa Valdes property in Tampa, Fla.

4. Authority was given for the acceptance of the offer of Dr. Duren of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) rent for the Keener cottage, Biloxi, Miss., for the period June 15-September 15, 1922.

5. The Building Committee for the new school building at Houma, La., was appointed as follows: Rev. Martin Herbert, Rev. F. J. McCoy, Dr. J. W. Warren, Mr. A. P. Cantrell, Deaconess Ella K. Cooper, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, Mrs. C. F. Neibergall.

6. Authority was given for placing the drawing of the plans for the above school at Houma in the hands of Dougherty & Gardner, Nashville, Tenn.

7. In reply to the request of Mr. Max Baehr, of Cienfuegos, Cuba, for a receipt for four hundred and twenty-seven dollars ($427) a notary's bill in the transfer of the Eliza Bowman property, which in the spirit of benevolence to the school he had paid, Miss Case was authorized to thank Mr. Baehr in the name of the Council for this amount and for the two thousand five hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-eight cents ($2,572.78) spent the previous summer in this transaction.

8. Authority was given the Secretary to arrange for the removal of the Eliza Bowman School at Cienfuegos, Cuba, from the former school property, after the close of school in June, provided the owner of the property should compensate the Council for loss and inconvenience which might be occasioned by the move.

9. Two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) outfit money was granted Miss Alice McMakin, who, except for a question of health, meets the full requirements as a missionary, and who, until her health has been tested, has been accepted as a contract teacher in Korea.

10. An additional grant of two hundred dollars ($200) was made for Miss Mary McDaniel, who is in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City.

11. The Secretary in charge was authorized to give to Miss Fridy any royalty that may accrue on her story "When God Walks the Road," written before she came into the office.

12. The Treasurer was authorized to meet from the Contingent Fund the deficit of two hundred and eleven dollars and twelve cents ($211.12) on the *Missionary Voice*.

Secretary's Note.—The new Constitution of the Board of Missions adopted by the General Confederence the following month (May, 1922) placed all power of administration in the hands of the Board, and the Local Executive Committee of the Council ceased to exist.

Mid-Year Meeting, Ocotber 4-6, 1922.

This marks the last meeting of the old Executive Committee of the

of the Board in appointing a joint committee consisting of two representatives of the Board of Missions— *viz.*, Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon and Dr. F. S. Parker—two representatives of the Executive Committee of the Council—*viz.*, Mrs. F. F. Stephens and Mrs. Luke Johnson; the Administrative and Candidate Secretaries, men and women, and the Cultivation Secretary in charge of Educational work; and a representative from each of the schools principally involved—*viz.*, Dr. F. N. Parker, Dr. Paul B. Kern, and Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, and that we refer the program of missionary training to this committee with the request that it give careful attention to the further provision needed for missionary training and bring back a completed program for our further consideration.

9. The motion prevailed that Dr. Cuninggim should visit as many of the Woman's Missionary Conferences as possible, in order that the ideals of Scarritt might be emphasized.

10. Mrs. Stephens reported that, in accord with the action of the Council in 1922, Annual Report, page 195, Item 5 of the report of the Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training Scnool, she had, as a member of the Council, coöperated with representatives from the Board of Missions and other boards as a committee to coöperate with the Southern Methodist University in securing a corporate board for the purpose of training missionaries and other religious workers. The Committee had gone before the General Conference, and the necessary charter had been secured.

11. The Executive Committee placed itself on record as desiring to raise a memorial to Miss Bennett. A representative of the Centenary Commission and one of the Educational Commission were consulted with regard to the possibilities of proceeding with the Belle Bennett Memorial. Bishop McMurry advised an approach to the Educational Commission, and Dr. Anderson readily agreed to present the matter to the Executive Committee of his Commission, which was then in session. The minutes of that meeting show that the Committee took favorable action regarding it. A committee to formulate the plans for the Bennett Memorial was then appointed as follows: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. Lee Britt, and Miss Esther Case.

12. The motion prevailed that a preliminary listing of names of persons who may become interested in the Scarritt Bible and Training School be placed in the hands of a committee of five composed of the following: Miss M. L. Gibson (chairman), Mrs. R. L Hobdy, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, and Miss Althea Jones.

13. On motion, the Vice President was allowed an additional expense fund of $250.

14. The motion prevailed that the amount accruing from the sale of the Wesley House in the Lead Belt, Mo., be disposed of in accord with the desire of the Lead Belt Executive Committee and the Missouri Woman's Missionary Conference as follows: That since the Wesley House and attendant mission work carried on in the Lead Belt by the Lead Belt Mission Board has become inactive and there is no present prospect of reviving the work, all funds in the hands of the Lead Belt treasurer shall be added to the Lead Belt funds and accrued interest in the hands of the Council

Treasurer and be applied to some other more urgent work; and, further, that the fund be allotted to the Woman's Missionary Society of the St. Louis Conference to be applied toward establishing a dormitory at Columbia, Mo., for Methodist girls attending the State university.

15. On motion, the Treasurer was requested to purchase two dozen Hymnals.

16. In acknowledgment of the many courtesies extended to the women by the Methodist Publishing House, the Secretary was requested to write a letter of appreciation to the Agents.

17. The report of a Joint Special Committee of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions and of the Woman's Missionary Council to study together the new Constitution and report to both bodies was read, considered, amended, and adopted as amended.

18. The Council By-Laws were considered, and instructions were given the By-Laws Committee. By-Laws 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 21 were stricken out. Most of the Standing Committees were either changed or stricken out, and all By-Laws considered at this meeting in accord with the order of the Council were referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws for submission to the Council by correspondence.

19. The motion prevailed that the Administrative Secretary of the Western and Central Division be requested to arrange for a three months' bonus of $25 to be paid to Miss Quayle, a teacher of the Virginia K. Johnson School, who for health reasons has temporarily given up her work.

20. Plans for the Annual Meeting of the Council were discussed, and a tentative program was approved. April 4-11, 1923, was set as the date for the meeting. Miss Haskin was appointed editor of the *Council Bulletin* with the privilege of selecting her assistants. Mrs. Luke G. Johnson was appointed Calendar Clerk. The details of the program were left in the hands of a committee composed of Mrs. Lipscomb, Miss Haskin, Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. Parker, and Mrs. Steele.

21. The Sessions Committees were listed as follows: Committee on Latin American and African Fields, Committee on Oriental Fields, Committee on Home Fields, Committee on Candidate Work, Committee on Race Relations, Committee on Literature, Committee on Social Service, Committee on Home Cultivation. The naming of the members of these committees was placed in the hands of the nine conveners.

22. The motion prevailed that such a part of the missionary exhibit which was shown at the General Conference as is expedient to take to Mobile be placed on exhibit at the Annual Meeting.

23. Attention was called to requests from certain interdenominational committees that representatives be sent to the meetings of the American Board of Directors of the Shanghai Medical School for Women October 17, and to the Union Committee on Educational work to meet October 18. The motion prevailed that the Vice President and the Treasurer represent the women on these committees and that the committee be notified that Miss Case would substitute for Miss Howell.

April 4, 1923.

The Executive Committee met both morning and afternoon of April 4 to consider matters related to the Council session.

1. Committees were appointed.

2. The motion prevailed that the Executive Committee recommend to the Council that any member of the body representing both her Conference and the Council at any meeting shall have her expenses shared jointly by the Conference and Council.

3. Mrs. Luke Johnson's resignation as Calendar Clerk was accepted, and Mrs. Lee Britt was elected to fill the vacancy.

4. The report of the Committee on Scarritt Listings was accepted with appreciation, with the request that the lists prepared be turned over to the committee which shall be appointed by the Council to carry forward the plans for the Bennett Memorial.

5. The motion prevailed that Miss Bessie Allen be appointed Supervisor of Stenographers under the direction of Mrs. Lipscomb and that provision be made for meeting her hotel expenses from the Council treasury.

6. The motion prevailed that the report of the Joint Committee on Missionary Training should be presented to the Council in Executive Session, this session to follow the reports on the Scarritt Bible and Training School Friday afternoon.

7. The motion prevailed that, in view of the small number composing the new Executive Committee and because of the desire of the Executive Committee that the Council have free discussion of the report of the Joint Committee on Missionary Training before definite action is taken, the report be referred to the Council to take its regular course through the Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School.

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORTS.

HOME FIELD AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL DIVISIONS.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY.

ORIENTAL WORK.

Oriental work on the Pacific Coast is under the leadership of our Superintendents, Rev. and Mrs. William Acton, who for twelve years have given all of their time to the development of this work, with the following results; there are five pastors and one supply, each of these receives a salary of seventy-five dollars a month; one congregation supplements the Council's appropriation by the payment of twenty dollars a month; there are thirteen Sunday schools, with four hundred and twenty pupils, thirty-eight officers and teachers; three language schools, one hundred and one pupils; three Senior Leagues, with one hundred and twenty-three members; one Intermediate Epworth League, with ten members; one Junior

Epworth League, with ten members; two kindergartens, with twenty-five pupils; and two Mothers' Clubs, with eighty members.

The Japanese built and equipped a church at Dinuba, Cal., costing five thousand dollars; of this amount we contributed only one thousand dollars.

At Oakland, Cal., they offer to build if we will furnish the lot.

The Koreans are requesting the opening of a new mission at Reedley, Cal. The Secretary recommends the extension of the work into this new territory, and the Estimates Committee approved the appropriation of the necessary funds.

English-Speaking Work In San Francisco, Cal.

With our spacious and modern equipped Wesley House, and the untiring efforts of the two women workers and pastor, we are touching the lives of the young people of this community. We have a splendid organization consisting of a Church, Sunday school, Epworth League, clubs, and many instructive classes. The results have been seen in the additions to the Church and the attendance on all of the activities.

Mountain Work.

The Sue Bennett Memorial School, located in the foothills of the Cumberland Mountains and bordering on the blue grass regions of Kentucky, is offering to the mountain youths and girls of Kentucky the advantages of Christian education. The enrollment for the school year will reach approximately eight hundred. Under the President, Mr. K. C. East, the school is entering a new era of religious and educational activities. The raising of the standard of the school, an intensive campaign for mountain boys and girls, and the religious life of the school is most gratifying to the administration.

Port Missionary.

The Rev. J. E. Reifschneider, who is in charge of our Port Mission Work at Galveston, Tex., renders valuable assistance to the foreigners of all nationalities who seek admittance to this country through that port. He interprets, translates, visits, receives calls, helps the sick, and administers to the needy of all nationalities.

Dependent Girls.

One of our newest institutions to be placed on the list of Council institutions is our home for dependent girls, at Springfield, Mo. This institution is in its infancy and was made possible through the gift of a consecrated Methodist woman, who saw the need of such a Home through years of service and experience in orphanage work. The institution is hampered by the lack of funds; we must give careful and prayerful consideration to the needs of the Home.

Negro Work.

With the completion of the administration building, known as the Haskin-Sawyer Building, early in May, Bethlehem Center, the colored

community center, of Nashville, Tenn., which has a colored pupulation of thirty thousand, we will be able to reach the homes of thousands of Negroes. The gymnasium for this work was completed last November, and the activities have been carried on in this building. Some weeks the attendance among the boys and girls alone runs over five hundred. Miss Martha Nutt, the Superintendent, by earnest and untiring work, has secured the coöperation and indorsement of the different civic organizations of the city and has plans for study ready to put into operation on the completion of the administration building, which will equip Negroes for social service leadership among their own people. This institution will be the only one of its kind in Southern Methodism and will be a long stride forward in the development of the Negro for leadership in social and economical fields to their own people. The Tennessee Conference Woman's Missionary Society will furnish a room in the new building. We hope to raise the fellowships for the training of Christian social service leaders from the different Conferences; three hundred dollars ($300) will provide for a complete fellowship.

In Dallas, Tex., our Miss Denton has served as teacher and supervisor of kindergartens. The work there is carried on under a Woman's Interdenominational Organization and has developed at a rapid pace. This field offers untold possibilities.

Delinquent Girls.

The work for delinquent girls is one that requires patient and loving, consecrated effort. In the Virginia Johnson Home, at Dallas, Tex., we have had for the year ninety-six young women from the ages of fourteen to twenty-two, thirty-eight babies; five of the babies and one mother died during the year, fifteen mothers have left the institution taking their babies with them, and eighteen of the babies have been adopted by Christian families.

Mexican Work.

There is by far more Spanish-speaking people in the West and Southwest than any other foreign nationality. Therefore our work in the Western Division deals largely with the Mexican people. In our mission school, Holding Institute, at Laredo, Tex., under the wise supervision of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner, we have enrolled for the year four hundred students. About fifty per cent of this number are from Old Mexico.

In Fort Worth, San Antonio, Dallas, Thurber, and Houston, Tex., and Los Angeles, Cal., we have organized work for the Mexicans. The total number of workers in these fields is thirty-eight. We have only touched the edge of this needy field. We have a life service group of twenty-two members at Holding Institute and one with nine members at Los Angeles. This is but a small part of the results of our labors in these fields.

Work among Miners.

As a general rule the laborers in coal mines are of mixed nationality. This is true at Hartshorne and Wilburton, Okla., while in the Thurber

mines we have only the Mexicans. The people in these mining settlements are appreciative and responsive. Our work should be enlarged in Oklahoma to include a half dozen new missions, but lack of funds and workers limit our operations.

Bible Teachers.

Interest in the religious life of our young people in State schools has given us the opportunity to offer to them well-equipped and thoroughly consecrated Bible teachers. We have teachers at the College of Industiral Arts, at Denton, Tex., one of the largest schools for women in the Southwest, and in the State University of Oklahoma, at Norman, Okla. The total number in the classes of these two teachers will reach approximately three hundred for this school year. Much remains to be done as we become more alive to our opportunities in this field.

Dormitories for Methodist Girls at State Schools.

At the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex., we have a dormitory for Methodist girls under the supervision of Mrs. F. B. Carroll; at the State University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., we have a Methodist dormitory under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mercer. In these dormitories the girls live in the atmosphere of Christian homes. Plans are being made for Methodist dormitories at the University of Texas, Austin, Tex., and the University of Missiouri, Columbia, Mo. Conferences are only waiting for Centenary collections to begin constructing buildings.

Coöperative Homes.

Located at San Francisco, Cal., Houston, Tex., Waco, Tex., and Lexington, Ky., are our Christian homes for business young women. Through these we reach about three hundred young women annually. These institutions are maintained to help the young women who earn from four to ten dollars a week. The deaconesses in charge of these are keenly alive to the service needed.

Church Deaconesses and Workers.

We have at the following places Church deaconesses and workers; Centenary Church, St. Louis, Mo.; First Church, Houston, Tex.; First Church, Phoenix, Ariz.; First Church, Memphis, Tenn.; First Church, El Dorado, Ark.; First Church, Corsicana, Tex.; and McKinley Avenue, San Antonio, Tex. The reports of there women show the need of their services.

City Missions.

We supply the City Mission Boards, of Nashville, Tenn.; Memphis, Tenn.; Louisville, Ky.; Kansas City, Mo.; St. Joseph, Mo.; St. Louis, Mo.; Dallas, Tex.; and San Francisco, Cal., with workers. I need not try to describe conditions in the needy districts of these cities. The consecrated deaconesses and home missionaries have given themselves whole-heartedly to this work and God has blessed their labors.

Rural Work.

The first rural work was begun under a district board, organized in the Jonesboro District of the North Arkansas Conference. Deaconess Willena Henry has developed the work successfully in this district. The Helena District, in the same Conference, is asking for a worker. The Secretary is recommending that this worker be supplied.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Twelve settlements conducted Daily Vacation Bible Schools last summer, with an attendance of one thousand five hundred and sixteen, two hundred and thirty-eight workers, and a collection of two hundred and twenty-eight dollars ($228). Arrangements are being made for conducting these schools in every settlement that is practicable this coming summer.

Facts Concerning Needs and Work in Western and Central Divisions.

Foreigners:	
Mexicans	1,500,000
Japanese	125,000
Italians	50,000
Bohemians	500,000
Koreans	2,500
Polyglot (21 nationalities)	200,000
Total	2,377,500

Number of boards to which workers are appointed	28
Number of institutions, schools, Wesley Houses, etc	27
Value of these institutions owned by Board of Missions	$1,263,000 00
Value of these institutions owned by City Boards	$345,203 00
Amount expended by Board of Missions, Woman's Department, 1922, in this work	$81,415 86
Amount expended by City Boards	$100,000 00
Total cost of operation	$181,721 77
Number of trained workers in field	189
Number of volunteer workers in field	2,500
Number of visits made by workers	42,551
Number of visits received by workers	22,728
Number of homes reached	6,969
Number of people reached	95,464
Number of night schools	8
Number of students	245
Number of day nurseries	7
Number enrolled	590
Number of clinics	5
Number of patients	5,341

The average amount expended per person was $1.89 for a year.

The building program for the past four years made possible by Centenary money is as follows:

The new high school building at Sue Bennett:

By citizens of London, Ky., and friends of school	$ 10,000
Council funds previously appropriated	22,000
Centenary funds	36,000
Total cost of building and equipment	$ 68,000

Wesley House at San Francisco, Cal.:

Money previously appropriated by Council	$ 5,000
Week of Prayer	18,000
Centenary funds used	35,000
Total cost	$ 58,000

Holding Institute, Girls' Domitory and Repairs on Boys' Domitory:

Funds accrued to the credit of school	$ 11,000
Centenary funds used	47,000
Total cost	$ 58,000

Homer Toberman Mission and Clinic, Purchase of Property:

Council funds previously appropriated	$ 5,000
Centenary funds used	60,000
Total cost	$ 65,000

Methodist Dormitory, Oklahoma State University, Norman:

Centenary funds used	$ 76,000

Addition to Wesley House, Fort Worth, Tex.:

Centenary funds used	$ 5,000

Addition to Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.:

Centenary funds used	$ 14,000

Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn.:

Centenary funds used	$ 50,000

Oriental Work, Pacific Coast, Purchase of Property;

Centenary funds used	$ 3,000

Amount used for increase current expense and repairs since 1919:

Centenary funds used	$ 81,008

We are glad to report the following new work for the quadrennium: Bible teacher, at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex.; Bible

teacher, at the State University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.; Methodist Dormitory, College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex.; Methodist Dormitory, State University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla.; Work with Mexicans at Houston, Tex.; Work with Orientals, at Dinuba, Cal.; Work for Dependent Girls, at Springfield, Mo.; Work with Negroes, at Dallas, Tex.; Rural Work, in Jonesboro District, Arkansas.; Work for Miners at Wilburton, Okla.

New work and workers asked for in 1923: Mexican work, Bridgeport, Tex.; Wesley House, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Coal mines, Schulter and Picher, Okla.; Rural work, Helena District, North Arkansas; Church worker, Somerset, Ky.; The Temple, Louisville, Ky.; Lexington, Mo.; Ardmore, Okla.; Mexican work and Negro work, Dallas, Tex.; Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.; Sue Bennett, London, Ky.

REPORT OF HOME FIELD AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE GULF STATES AND EASTERN DIVISION.

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For topical reasons this report will be divided into Field Work and Administration. Under Field Work may be listed certain subheads, as follows: Mountain Work, Gulf Coast Work, Dependent Girls, Negro Work, Delinquent Girls, Cuban Work, Work among Miners, City Missions.

THE FIELD.

Mountain Work.

Although there are extensive mountainous regions in every State in the Division except South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana, with large population groups as yet reached only very inadequately, the women of Southern Methodism are doing no distinctive work of this type except at Ferrum Institute, Ferrum, Va., and at Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C. Ferrum Institute was established about eight years ago under authorization of the Board of Missions, Virginia Conference. To-day nearly a thousand pupils are enrolled in the institute and in branch schools established in needy mountainous sections. Buildings, grounds, equipment, and farm of three hundred and seventy-five acres are valued at $375,000, and the work covers agricultural, industrial, elementary, and high school courses. The Woman's Missionary Council makes a modest contribution to the maintenance of this work, $500, while the Home Department of the Board of Missions and the Virginia Conference, with special contributions from the women of the Virginia Conference Missionary Society, make liberal appropriations for its needs.

Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., drawing its total maintenance from the Woman's Work, has done an outstanding work for mountain people, small farmers, and the sons and daughters of Carolina cotton factory communities for about twenty years. In the fall of 1922 the handsome

dormitory for boys, built from Centenary funds, was completed. The total cost of the dormitory was $23,445.72. It is of brick, stone trimmed, with a six-room apartment for the Superintendent of Boys' Work, and, in addition to the Superintendent's family, will accommodate 56 boys. The total enrollment at Brevard for 1922 is as follows;

Regular school term (boys)	138
Regular school term (girls)	141
Summer school (boys)	30
Summer school (girls)	83
Total	392

The Woman's Missionary Council authorized the appropriation of $15,074 to the school, not including Centenary money, and the institution received in fees and from the earnings of the farm, industrial work, etc., $4,848.42.

Gulf Coast Work.

Mobile, Ala., through the local City Mission Board, has maintained a work in a nearby cotton mill, in a plant owned by the City Mission Board and known as the Dumas Institutional Church. The Board has employed one trained worker, a deaconess, who has conducted the usual clubs and classes. Her best response from the people has been in an awakened religious life and in greater interest in the congregational and Sunday school activities of the Church. The Wesley Community House, destroyed by fire in 1919, has never been rebuilt.

Biloxi, Miss.—The work at the Wesley Community House, located at Cadet Point, among the migrant oyster and shrimp canners, continues as appealing as when first established. Four workers have served here during 1922, the Head Resident, who superintends the work, conducts mothers' clubs, serves as steward in the little mission Church, does neighborhood visiting, and nurses the sick when her services are needed; a worker among the boys, who is director of games and athletics; a girls' worker; and the nursery matron, who enrolls more than fifty babies in the nursery. Protective laws, or the enforcement of ones already existing, for mothers in industry are sadly needed, and there is great need for a truant officer to look after the children of school age. Sanitary conditions in the camps are far from ideal. The Woman's Missionary council authorized an appropriation of $3,903.50 for this work in 1922. During the year the interior of the Wesley Community House was painted, the nursery was renovated, and the exterior of the entire plant, including the Community House, the mission chapel, and the gymnasium has been painted.

New Orleans, La., St. Mark's Community group, is the realization of the dream of those noble women who founded the work and the vision that the sainted Miss Belle H. Bennett had of a great city mission plant, located in the foreign section of New Orleans, has at last, after twenty years of waiting, been realized. There are three distinct buildings in the group—the church, the woman's building, and the men and boy's

building—all so artistically blended as to give a wonderful sense of unity in the plant as a whole. The plant is erected jointly by the Home Department, General Work, and by the Home Section, Woman's Work. Complete, including equipment, lot, and building, it represents an investment of $146,000—$88,000 from the women and $58,00 from the men. It is located in a community of 30,000 foreign people. The complete maintenance, it is estimated, will amount to $15,000 a year, of which the women furnish one-third. The appropriation for St. Mark's in 1922 was $5,115. Four trained women are on the staff, with one additional part-time worker.

French Mission Field, MacDonell Wesley Community House and School.—The year in the French mission field has been full of enthusiasm and awakened life. The school building, authorized last year, is almost complete, erected from the funds raised by our missionary women during the Week of Prayer. It has classrooms, offices, auditorium, and dormitory accommodations for about thirty. The contract for the building was let at $14,948. The Head Resident, Deaconess Hooper, plans to conduct the summer activities for the French mission field in the new building. During the summer the Community House will be so remodeled as to give adequate accommodations for the girls who will enter the school in the fall, while the boys will be housed in the new plant. During the year there have been large accessions to the Church in the field, and at Houma a beautiful new brick church has been completed. Surveys have been made on the Intercoastal Canal, showing that it will touch this property. The valuation of the property, purchased in 1919 at a cost of $9,100 is placed at $50,000, local real estate men considering it the most valuable tract of land within the corporation of Houma. Ten young girls have found accommodations in the Community House throughout the school year, attending the local public school and awaiting the completion of our school plant. We maintain three workers in the Community House, and an appropriation of $4,227 was made in 1922.

Dependent Girls.

Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga., where 1922 saw the largest number of girls ever cared for in this plant, is now occupying the handsome brick dormitory, erected from Centenary money and from the proceeds of the Week of Prayer of 1920. Under the intelligent methods of farming introduced by the experienced farmer employed at Vashti, the sixty-three acres of ground in the farm have been brought to a high state of cultivation, the dairy cattle have been much improved, and the good gardens, planted several times a year, give a succession of table vegetables. The laundry, erected and equipped in 1921, enables the girls to complete all of the laundry in two days instead of stretching out over the week, as was the case when the school had no equipment. A flock of five hundred chickens supplies the school with chickens and eggs. The pupils do all of the work except the farm work and firing the furnace in the winter. The school work covers ten grades, with courses in music, business, millinery, dress making, basketry, and other handcrafts. The

Woman's Work maintains thirty free scholarships, worth $200 a year each, pays for general up-keep, faculty, and necessary improvements. The total expense of a girl at Vashti is $200 for twelve months. The enrollment for 1922 was 133; $16,680.46 was appropriated for maintenance, while scholarships to the amount of $9,965.45 were received.

Negro Work.

The effect of the cultivation and educational work of the Commission on Race Relationships in this Division is manifest by an increase of interest in the physical, mental, and spiritual welfare of Negro people in the South. The following City Mission Boards are engaged in definite work for colored people: Portsmouth, Va.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Macon, Ga.; Birmingham, Ala.; while from the connectional funds, Woman's Work, a public health nurse, working for the past two years in the State of South Carolina, has been maintained, the Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga., is supported, liberal appropriations are made to Paine College, Augusta, Ga., for Bennett Hall, the dormitory for women, and a missionary is employed working for the past year in Birmingham, Ala., for study and survey work of Negro communities

In connection with *Paine College,* the Woman's Work owns three acres of ground, two frame buildings, and one three-story brick building, Bennett Hall. The property is valued at $65,000. The title of Paine College, with the exception of the property above named owned by our Southern Methodist women, appears to be in the Board of Trustees composed of both white and colored representatives from the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church and from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The faculty is made up of both white and colored teachers. The plan is to develop the school into a standard college with four years of college work, and with courses of study planned for the training of ministers, teachers, and other Christian workers under the best conditions of modern college education. The enrollment for 1922 shows a decided increase in full college students. The total enrollment is 202. Bennett Hall accommodated sixty-three girls. The appropriation for Bennett Hall is $8,257.

Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.—This plant is valued at $7,550. Mrs. Jennie White, the Head Resident, resigned in September because of ill health. Miss Allie Cobb, kindergarten teacher, has kept up the neighborhood community service and the kindergarten. The Boys' Work has been under the care of Allen Clark, a ministerial student at Paine College. A good night school has been conducted at the Bethlehem House, and much relief work done for old people and the sick. The colored women of Augusta have been active in the work, and the local congregations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have shown renewed enthusiasm and sympathy for the undertaking. The Churches have been opened to the presentation of the cause, and ready response has been made. The appropriation is $2,586. Two full-time and two part-time workers are employed.

Public Health Nurse.—Mrs. Ellen Carter, a registered nurse, supported by the Woman's Work, has two objectives in her program; first, to intro-

duce modern methods of nursing and sanitation among colored midwives in the care of the sick in Negro homes, in the Negro public schools, and to carry the message to individuals of the saving power of the Great Healer; second to stimulate colored communities to the need for their support of Negro public health nurses. Nurse Carter has been employed for the year in South Carolina, and has given intensive work in the following places: Marion, Bennettsville, Dillon, Orangeburg, Spartanburg, and Greer. She works under the joint direction of the Bureau of Public Health and the officers of the Conference Missionary Society where she is sent. The scope of her work may be shown by her report *for one month*, as follows: Talks to school children, 10; attendance, 800; other public meetings, 9; attendance, 500; home nursing classes, 4; attendance, 60; classes for midwives, 2; attendance, 80.

If fleas in India can cause bubonic plague to develop in a port town of our own South, twentieth century sanitation demands that no part of the population of the nation can be left ignorant to the laws of health without imperilling the safety of the whole.

The appropriation for Negro Public Health Nursing is $1,500.

Director of Study and Survey for Negro Communities.—Miss Jessie Drew Gill, transferred from the Foreign Work to Home Work, a true missionary, was appointed to this work in 1922. Her field of labor for the past year has been in Birmingham, Ala. In her work Miss Gill has given special attention to housing conditions for colored people, and to child welfare. She has brought into coöperation in the work representatives from many of the twenty-seven Negro Churches in the city of Birmingham and the missionary women of the City Board. As one result of her work, a Bethlehem House has been opened and a successful day nursery established. In the day nursery only children whose mothers work away from home are taken. Three-fourths of the children received have only their mothers to depend upon for support, their fathers being dead or having deserted them. The appropriation for the survey work is $900.

(For reports on Negro Work in Portsmouth, Va., Chattanooga, Tenn., and Macon, Ga., see City Mission Work, Workers' Reports.)

Delinquent Girls, Door of Hope, Macon, Ga.

This work, began as a Conference enterprise and taken over by the connectional work in 1921, is established in a two-story frame dwelling house, valued at $12,000. In 1922 eighteen mothers, all young girls, and seventeen babies were given instruction, protection, and Christian ministrations in the time of their great trial. Twelve girls returned home with their babies, being welcomed back by their families. One honorable marriage was celebrated, and one little baby was consigned to the Christian care of our Methodist Orphanage in Macon. Six fathers were brought to acknowledge the claims of mother and child for financial support. It has been recommended that the present property be sold as soon as a fair price is secured, and that the institution be established in the suburbs, where more ground can be secured and cows can be kept. This will be

done as soon as the sale can be made. The appropriation is $3,796.62; and two trained workers are appointed to the institution.

Florida Peninsula, Cuban Missions.

Wolff Settlement is located in Ybor City, a part of the incorporation of the city of Tampa. Cigar making is the supporting industry of the population. There are four full-time workers employed, and the institution is in full contact with the people among whom it is located. Mothers' Clubs, activities for boys and girls, a large kindergarten, and a very full day nursery are included in the regular program, while all of the women workers are active in the nearby Church as stewards, Sunday school teachers, Epworth League workers, and in the Missionary Society. The plant is valued at $15,000; and $5,577.94 is appropriated for maintenance. The missionary women of the Florida Conference have raised the funds during the current year for completely renovating the building in the interior, so that it is one of the most attractive Settlements in the connection.

Rosa Valdes Settlement is located in West Tampa, an incorporated town adjacent to the American city of Tampa. As is the case with all of the Cuban work, the chief employment of the people is cigar making. The plant is new, well planned, built from Centenary money, and has good community contacts. Four workers are employed. There has been opened during 1922 a night school for working boys and girls in which there has been an average attendance of fifty, with an enrollment of sixty-two. The Florida Conference ladies have given valuable financial aid to this work. The usual clubs and classes, a prosperous kindergarten, and a full day nursery are conducted. The plant is valued at $38,000. The appropriation is $4,406 exclusive of fees.

Urban Bird Clinic is located within a few minutes' walk of Wolff Settlement. A competent nurse is in charge. The City Mission Board of Tampa assists in financing the clinic to a large extent. The property is owned by the Home Department, General Board, and the City Mission Board has contributed a large part of the repair funds as well as of the equipment. The clinic serves not only the Cuban and Italian population of Ybor City, but the nurse in charge visits and holds one clinic in West Tampa for the Rosa Valdes Community. The total number of patients treated in 1922 was two thousand one hundred and thirty. The Woman's Work appropriates $900 for the nurse's salary.

Ruth Hargrove Settlement and School employs three workers and is in a population of Cuban people variously estimated as ranging from ten to fifteen thousand. The day school, housed in a neat two-room building adjacent to the Community House, enrolled 73 pupils. Two of the workers teach in the school, while the Head Resident is engaged in neighborhood duties. All of the workers are active as stewards, Epworth League officials, in Sunday school work, etc. There is a small night school, a very well-equipped playground, and the plant is in a good state of repair. It is valued at $8,250; $3,300 is appropriated for maintenance.

Work among Miners.—Bluefield District, W. Va.

This is probably the most densely populated mining section of the South. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is by far the strongest Protestant denomination in the District. The operators, the office men and women, and other salaried workers are being reached by the message of the gospel, and the financial response, as well as the evidence of spiritual growth, is encouraging, but the floating mining population of Americans and of sixteen different foreign nationalities are not being effectively reached by the customary Church program. It is to this last-named group of people that the Christian Social Service Worker of the Woman's Work directs her efforts. There are now eight deaconesses and missionaries at work in the District, four of whom are supported by the Advisory Board of the Bluefield District and four by appropriations made from connectional funds of the women. The work is pioneer work—a hand-picking process, but within the last four years marked results for good have been accomplished. Where formerly in the Bluefield District the deaconess or woman missionary had more or less difficulty in establishing contacts even with the ministers and congregations, at this time the value of her work is apparent and undisputed with both mine operator and clergyman, and the Advisory Board, that places the workers in the various operations, is besieged with requests for the services of the available women. Thirty women, it is thought, could be used in the District if they could be supplied.

At War, W. Va., a Community House has been purchased, partly from Centenary money and partly on the pledge of the Advisory Board. It is a brick storehouse, with an apartment for the workers on the second floor. Two workers are appointed there. The community in which the house is located is said to be a growing one. The plant cost $9,000; this is considered a bargain. We appropriate $4,800 to the maintenance of four of the eight women appointed to the Bluefield District.

Work of City and Conference Boards.

There are twenty-four City Mission Boards in this Division, as follows:

Albany, Ga.
Atlanta, Ga.
Augusta, Ga.
Baltimore, Md.
Birmingham, Ala.
Charlotte, N. C.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Danville, Va.
Gadsden, Ala. (no report).
Knoxville, Tenn.
Macon, Ga.
Meridian, Miss.
Mobile, Ala.
Montgomery, Ala.
New Orleans, La.
Orangeburg, S. C.
Portsmouth, Va.
Roanoke, Va.
Richmond, Va.
Savannah, Ga.
Spartanburg, S. C.
Tampa, Fla.
Washington, D. C. (no report).
Welch, W. Va.

City Mission property owned and chartered by Boards in this Division:

Eva Comer Coöperative Home, Birmingham, Ala.	$100,000
Wilson Coöperative Home, Richmond, Va.	20,000
Wesley Community House, Knoxville, Tenn.	12,500
Wesley Community House, Chattanooga, Tenn.	14,500
Wesley Community House, Meridian, Miss.	5,000
Wesley Community House, Montgomery, Ala.	5,000
Wesley Community House, Orangeburg, S. C.	6,500
Methodist Institute, Richmond, Va.	30,000
City Mission Center and Clinic, Portsmouth, Va.	8,000
Total value	$201,500

Coöperative Homes.

There are three coöperative Homes in this Division, owned and controlled by City Mission Boards, as follows:

Eva Comer Coöperative Home, Birmingham, Ala.

Robert McIntire Coöperative Home, Savannah, Ga.

The Wilson Home, Richmond, Va.

These Coöperative Homes have housed 195 girls and have accomplished a definite social evangelistic task. The homes here give a maximum of efficient care as to housing conditions, food, and protection at a minimum expense to the girls.

Rural Work.

The North Mississippi Conference has maintained a rural worker in the bounds of that Conference. Her work has been scientifically promoted and, by means of a survey, has revealed some startling facts through her efforts. Missionary Societies have been organized in rural communities, and steps have been taken toward relating the work to one of the experimental centers in the North Mississippi Conference.

Administration.

Workers.

Through the office of the Secretary of the Eastern and Gulf States Division eight indorsed and twelve employed women have been placed in the Home Mission Work; thirty-nine deaconesses have been appointed, one deaconess on the retired list, and five on leave of absence—making a total of forty-four deaconesses in this Division; nineteen missionaries were appointed, and there are two on the retired list and one on leave of absence—giving a total of twenty-two home missionaries; and thirty persons have been engaged in teaching in Brevard and Vashti; giving a total reporting to this office of one hundred and sixteen. In addition to this list the City Mission Boards have employed in connection with local City Mission enterprises a number of workers direct. A conservative estimate would place the total Home Mission whole-time workers at about two hundred people.

The workers reporting to this office have ministered in population groups numbering 348,200 persons, have reached 6,664 homes, enrolled in clubs and classes 1,648 persons, enrolled in Daily Vacation Bible Schools 896, in kindergartens 565, in day nurseries 877, and have treated in eight clinics 9,109 patients. They have made 55,668 personal visits, have received 55,135 visits, and have extended charitable aid to 1,689 families. In eleven night schools 290 pupils have enrolled, 9,902 persons have availed themselves of the use of free baths; 6,375 books have been circulated, and 311 volunteer workers gave time to the work without remuneration.

Property.

Property owned by the Woman's Work is valued at $699,300. Property owned by City Mission Boards is valued at $201,500. Total, $900,800.

Property Owned by the Woman's Work, Gulf States and Eastern Division.

Acreage, Deland, Fla	$ 500
Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga. (buildings and equipment)	7,550
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C. (buildings and equipment)	175,000
Door of Hope, Macon, Ga. (buildings and equipment)	12,000
French Mission School and MacDonell Wesley Community House, Houma, La. (buildings and equipment)	50,000
Junaluska lots	6,000
Keener Cottage, Seashore Camp Ground, Biloxi, Miss. (buildings and equipment)	4,000
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga. (buildings and equipment)	60,000
Rosa Valdes Settlement, West Tampa, Fla. (buildings and equipment)	38,000
Ruth Hargrove Settlement and School, Key West, Fla. (buildings and equipment)	8,250
St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La. (buildings and equipment)	150,000
Tropical Land Company lots, Key West, Fla	1,000
Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga. (buildings and equipment)	150,000
Wesley Community House, Biloxi, Miss. (buildings and equipment)	12,000
Wesley Community House, West Virginia Coal Fields (buildings and equipment)	10,000
Wolff Settlement, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla. (buildings and equipment)	15,000
Total	$699,300

Appropriations.

Appropriations from the regular income in this Division have amounted to $67,962, from Centenary $89,851.93. City Mission Boards have reported $46,134.87 raised for maintenance only, while much larger amounts have been put into the work for purposes other than maintenance and from funds that were collected outside of the organized work.

Centenary Appropriations.

The Preferred Askings to be listed at this session of the Woman's Missionary Council, to be released in 1924, will complete the Centenary program in this Division, with the exception of the Negro Work. There will be a balance due this cause, which is a moral obligation upon Southern Methodist women to meet. This can be done in a reasonable time from our increase in income since 1918. This does not mean that all the money listed for this Division from Centenary collections has been paid to the objects listed in the Askings, but that when the collections are complete the only Asking that will not have been fully satisfied will be the Negro Work.

For the information of this body, I give the following listing of work completed on the Centenary program and promoted and completed from other sources of income during the Centenary period.

Reconstruction of Administration Building and erection of new dormitory, laundry, etc., Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga. (Centenary and Week of Prayer Money)	$84,043.12
Purchase of farm, repairs, new equipment, and erection of boys' dormitory, Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.	64,563.84
MacDonell Wesley Community House, Houma, La.	9,250.00
French Mission School, Houma, La. (Week of Prayer)	14,948.00
New chapel, gymnasium, repairs, Wesley Community House, Biloxi, Miss.	3,500.00
Cuban Mission, Rosa Valdes, repairs at Wolff	36,518.51
Conference gifts to Cuban missions	5,600.00
Ruth Hargrove Settlement and School (purchased and repaired)	7,888.66
St. Mark's Community Group, New Orleans, La. (Centenary and Ruth Hargrove funds)	88,000.00
Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga., repairs, additional lot to building	2,459.20
Paine College, Augusta, Ga. (new worker and increase in maintenance)	6,056.00
Eva Comer Coöperative Home, Birmingham, Ala. (gifts to City Mission Board)	100,000,00
West Virginia Coal Fields (increase in workers, and War Community House)	7,500.00
Public health nurse (Negro communities)	3,000.00
Rural Worker (North Mississippi Conference)	600.00
Interracial Coöperation (both Eastern and Western Divisions).	7,050.00

Charlotte City Mission Board, Extension of Work (Wesley House proposed), value not less than	$ 10,000.00
Chattanooga City Mission Board organized, plant valued at not less than	14,000.00
Portsmouth, Va., City Mission Board, extension of work, (value not reported).	
Orangeburg, S. C., Wesley Community House (purchased from local gifts)	6,500.00
Danville, Va., Wesley Community House (enlarged and repaired from local gifts)	10,000.00
Knoxville, Tenn., Wesley Community House repaired and renovated by local City Board	5,000.00
Macon, Ga., City Mission Board organized Bethlehem House Board, cost of work not reported.	
Roanoke, Va., City Mission Board organized and established Wesley House (two workers). Investment not reported.	
Richmond, Va., Methodist Institute	20,000.00
Tampa, Fla., City Mission Board reconstructs and equips Urban Bird Clinic. Approximate cost	2,000.00
Director of Survey for Negro Work	900.00
Chattanooga, Tenn., opens Negro Work. (Investment not reported.)	
Birmingham, Ala., opens Negro Work. (Investment not reported.)	

Council of Women for Home Missions.

This Secretary had the privilege of representing the missionary interests of Southern Methodist women as the official representative at the annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., January 17-19, 1923. The organization is not designed to enterprise any work that can be done by the denominational boards, but its purpose is to promote the entente cordiale between the Boards, that overlapping may be prevented, and that as soon as possible no great neglected areas may exist. The Council of Women is especially interested in the condition of women and children employed in seasonal occupations, which require moving from place to place. These people, sojourning for a brief season in many States, get little protection from laws safeguarding other industrial workers, and the children receive very limited educational opportunities.

Work to Be Promoted and Enterprises to Be Developed in 1923.

The City Mission Board of Charlotte, N. C., plans the erection of a modern Wesley Community House in the Duncan Memorial Church community. Deaconess Fannie Bame is appointed to this work. The community to be served is in a cotton mill district.

The missionary women of Columbia, S. C., are laying plans for a new city mission work in a section of the beautiful capital of South Carolina hitherto neglected by Church agencies.

The City Mission Board of Montgomery, Ala., plans extension of work, and are calling for a Council worker.

The Advisory Board of the West Virginia Coal Fields plan the renovation and better equipment of the Wesley Community House at War.

The erection of a modern dormitory for the girls of Brevard Institute is included in the Centenary and Christian Education program for 1923.

The removal of the Door of Hope, Macon, Ga., to a suburban location where more ground can be secured is planned for 1923.

Nearly all of our City Mission Boards are planning improvements and advancement of program for the ensuing year.

SCHOOLS AND HOMES.

	Number.	Enrollment.
Kindergartens	9	565
Daily Vacation Bible Schools	10	896
Night Schools	11	290
Cuban Day Schools	2	160
Coöperative Homes	3	195
Mountain Schools	1	392
Dependent Girls	1	133
Delinquent Girls	1	19
Negro Schools	1	202
Day Nurseries	7	877
Total	46	3,729

ORIENTAL FIELDS.

MABEL K. HOWELL, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY.

FOREWORD.

The year 1922 has been largely devoted to the administration of the Oriental work on the fields themselves. The first seven months of the year were given to the usual interdenominational meetings, the special and regular Council meetings and Board meeting, and the General Conference. These meetings, with the preparation essential for each and the application to the fields of the decisions of each together with the regular routine of the work, fully consumed the time up to the late summer. This entire period was so overshadowed by the critical illness and death of Miss Bennett, our great leader, that one can only think back upon these days with a sense of sorrow and loss.

The appointment of Bishop Hay and Bishop Boaz to the Oriental fields and the election of a new Secretary in the General Department of the Board for these fields made it seem very essential that at the very beginning of the quadrennium we should all go to the fields together, study the the problems together, and understand thoroughly each other's administrative viewpoint. I, therefore, sailed for the Orient August 3, taking with me a party of twenty missionaries. During the six months I traveled more than thirty thousand miles through Japan, Korea, China, and Siberia. Every moment of the time was given to the work. Had there

been any misgivings as to whether this was the year to go again to the fields, these were completely dispelled when we faced the changed conditions in the Orient which made so essential the renewal of personal contact for an adequate understanding of the situation. In these days of such rapid changes in viewpoint and conditions in the Orient, nothing but the closest touch with the fields will suffice. It was very much easier this time to properly estimate that which I saw and felt than three years ago. I am grateful for the opportunity of understanding better the work committed to our department and am also grateful to my Heavenly Father for his upholding power and presence.

I cannot close this foreword without expressing my indebtedness to Miss Esther Case for the efficient way she took hold and carried the home end of the work while I was absent on the fields. No one can know the joy that Miss Case and I have in being associated together in the Foreign Department and in being able to plan and carry on our work together with such understanding and coöperation.

The China Mission.

Missionary Outlook in China.—The year 1922 in China has been entirely colored by the National Christian Council that was held in May, for which meeting all that preceded was a preparation and all that followed an application. The formation of a National Christian Council in China to take the place of the China Continuation Committee is a very forward step and has given to the Chinese Christians their opportunity and medium for self-expression. "An indigenous Chinese Christian Church" is the slogan of the hour. A strong, aggressive nationalistic spirit pervades the Christian Church of China, and every Mission Board and Mission feels the effect. It expressed itself in a desire for Chinese representation on committees formerly entirely of the Mission, in a desire for a greater voice in administrative questions, in greater effort for self-support, and in a more aggressive evangelistic policy. The Chinese Church has come to self-consciousness, and in that respect the goal of Christian missions is becoming fulfilled, which is the establishment of an indigenous Church. The coming to the China field of Bishop Hay at this hour, with his emphasis on the development of the China Church, is providential, and gives promise that the spirit of the new movement in China will be wrought out in our own Annual Conference and Mission. Already there are signs of new activities on the part of our Church, and an intense evangelistic spirit is developing which is bound to result in a spiritual harvest in the near future. The signs of a new day are already at hand, and the Mission and Church, men and women, are one in their desire to concentrate on this one goal in the Church and schools this coming year.

Evangelistic Work.—During the year 1922 there have been ten Council workers who have given all their time to the evangelistic work, and four more who have shared their time between evangelistic and educational work. The two new Council workers sent out last summer for evangelistic work have spent the fall in the Language School. Of the fourteen who have

given all or part time to evangelistic work, seven have been itinerants, and the others have worked in city centers. The need of more evangelistic workers in China is great at the present time. Miss Combs itinerates a district of 2,000,000 people, Miss Green one of 600,000, Miss Rankin one of 300,000, Miss Atkinson one of 150,000, and Miss Bliler one of 1,000,000 according to their recent reports. Intensive evangelistic work is impossible under such conditions, and besides there is a large amount of unoccupied territory. These itinerating missionaries are dependent upon their house boats and do their work through the Bible women. They also supervise the rural day schools and hold district evangelistic classes and institutes for women. They organize and supervise the work of the Women's Missionary Societies, of which there have been, during the year, fifty with two thousand members and a budget of $1,732.14.

The evangelistic work in the cities has varied in different centers, from the highly organized work at Maria L. Gibson Settlement, in Soochow, to the barest beginning of effort in Huchow. There is no phase of evangelistic work that has had a greater forward movement during 1922 than *city* evangelistic work. This has heretofore been a weak point in the China work. At present the two departments of the Board are making plans for joint work at Kong Hong Institutional Church, Soochow; at I-Zaung-Ka, Huchow; at Allen Memorial Church, Shanghai; at Moore Memorial Church, Shanghai; and at Grace Memorial Church, Sungkiang. In all these places some type of Institutional Church work will be developed by the Departments of the Board working jointly. Already the principles and basis of coöperation have been worked out, and a substantial beginning in program has been made. The Maria L. Gibson Settlement is now the Maria L. Gibson Department of the Kong Hong Institutional Church, which has a beautiful new Centenary building. The new Centenary missionaries, Miss Bloodworth in Huchow, Miss Rue in Changchow, and Miss Webb in Shanghai, are a great addition to the city evangelistic force, and large hopes are being built upon them. Larger emphasis should be placed by the Council on this phase of the work in the future. It is the need of the hour in China.

Closely related to the evangelistic program is the force of Bible women. The day has come when the untrained Bible woman cannot fit into the evangelistic program as she once did; and yet the day of her influence has by no means past. Yet there is need of training as volunteers the young women out of the schools for institutional types of work. The advanced step in 1922, which is far reaching, is the organization, largely under the wise leadership of Miss Mary Culller White, of the Bible woman's work so as to allow for the organization of a deaconess movement that shall be closely related to the China Annual Conference. A tentative constitution has been drawn up and standards and requirements set. These workers will go out under the appointment of the bishop of the field. The training schools in Sungkiang and Nanking will both be able to train candidates for this new phase of work in the Church. With new city evangelistic programs opening up and a new force of younger trained Chinese women as

workers, there is no limit to what may be accomplished in the evangelistic field.

Educational Work.—Vast strides have been made in educational work during 1922. When one considers how vast and well established the educational work of the Council is in China, one might wonder as to the nature of such progress. In the light of the following facts it has been a year of decided advance in educational work.

Ginling College, with which the Council is affiliated in college work, has been able to put up its first and second group of buildings during 1922, and by fall the college will be able to move into its beautiful new quarters, with six well-built initial buildings. Miss Hanawalt has been away from the college studying the language, preparatory to opening the Department of Education for Ginling. Miss Watkins has continued as head of the History Department.

McTyeire School and Virginia School, the Council's two senior high schools, are on splendid footing. The new dormitory, Lambuth-Clopton Hall at McTyeire, was built during the year, and more than three hundred girls moved in. Great credit is due Miss Pyle, who has showed such marked ability and given such untiring effort to the accomplishment of this piece of work. McTyeire, with its two primary schools at Moore Memorial and Honkew, has had a student body of six hundred and ninety-five for 1922. A new high school building is an immediate need of McTyeire. Virginia School has had a student body of two hundred and seventy-seven, and has developed in many ways. The greatest change is in the attitude of the people of conservative Huchow toward the school, and especially toward the education of its girls. Virginia has enrolled the largest number of day pupils from Huchow in its history. Under Miss Stanford's leadership the course of study is being revised and forward educational steps taken. Virginia School is waiting for its Centenary school building.

The Laura Haywood Normal School has also had its largest student enrollment and most successful year. The student body has numbered three hundred and twenty-four, including the students of the demonstration school. The school received high praise from the Educational Commission sent to China during 1922 by the Committee of Reference and Council. This Commission expressed flattering approval of the type of work the Normal is doing in the field of education. During the year adjustments have been worked out for presentation to the Departments of the Board for final approval of the long-standing land questions between Soochow University, the Soochow Hospital, and Laura Haygood Normal, and plans have been laid for the future land and building development of the Normal School. A new demonstration school and dormitory are immediately essential to the development of the Normal.

The Susan B. Wilson and Davidson Schools in Soochow and Sungkiang have done splendid work. Their student bodies have been one hundred and thirty-two and two hundred and ninety, respectively. Both schools

have been taxed to capacity in their boarding departments this year. Susan B. Wilson is rejoicing in the completion of the Ramsey-Derring Kindergarten. Each of these schools is evangelistic to the heart, and the graduates are counting for much in the evangelization of China. These schools serve as feeders for the high schools and Normal. The other higher and lower day schools, including Atkinson Academy, have had an increased enrollment totaling two thousand three hundred and seventy-nine, which, with the boarding school pupils, makes a total of four thousand and ninety-eight as the total enrollment in the Council's schools for the year 1922.

At the Mission Meeting in the fall steps were taken looking to the reorganization of our school system in China according to the 6-3-3 plan proposed by the Educational Commission and about to be adopted by the Chinese government. The adoption of this plan will bring about a correlation of the entire school system of the Council. By it Davidson, Susan B. Wilson, and North Gate, Changchow, need to become nine-grade Junior High Schools, and the other schools of the system will remain at six and at most seven years. The plan will come before the Board of Missions for consideration and approval. The question of whether the system should be rounded out by making McTyeire a college is still before the China Mission, having been referred by the Educational Committee of the Mission to the Woman's Section of the Mission for final recommendation to the Woman's Council. Another very forward-looking step is the possible reorganization of the Educational Committee of the Mission into a Board of Education with men and women's sections.

Medical Work.—The year 1922 has been marked by a decided advance in the plans for the development of the medical work in China. Enough has been given in previous reports regarding these plans to make the general program clear. The year 1922 was marked by a new development in the medical work in general in Shanghai which delayed and modified the plans for the Women's Medical School, resulting in affiliation of the Woman's School with a similar union school for men. The year 1922 ended with the plans practically completed, and the early spring should see the Bennett Memorial Clinical Building started. The Nurse Training School building, built by the American Baptist Board, was practically completed at the close of 1922, so that the nurses at last have their much-needed home. New land has been purchased in order to provide ultimately for a separate residence for the missionary nurses. The year 1922 closes with all plans ready for opening of the Medical School proper in the fall of 1923. Too much cannot be said in praise of our doctors and nurses at Margaret Williamson. They have pioneered a great medical center with entire self-forgetfulness.

Increased Budget for China.—The development of the work in China during the Centenary period has been such as to make approximately $40,000 more essential yearly during the post-Centenary period in order to carry the increased running expenses. The overflow of the regular expenses over the standard year is being met out of the Centenary at the

present time, but at its close some other provision will be necessary. It is well to face this even before the Centenary period closes.

Japan Mission.

The Outlook for Christianity in Japan.—There is a new note in the spiritual outlook in Japan—it is expectation, expectation of harvest—a real smell of the new wheat bursting into full bloom. The contrast between the attitude of our missionaries this year and three years ago, as a result of this joy of expectation, can hardly be written. The sure hope is there. There are forestastes of coming victories for Christ on a large scale. The Japanese people, who, during the three years since the war, have had their minds set upon their political and economic victories, are turning to deeper things in the making of a nation. While the people cannot be said "to be seeking God," yet it is true that public opinion is turning toward God, and there has developed an investigating and open attitude toward Christianity and its claims. Access to the hearts and minds of the people is more open, and their attitude is more friendly. Our missionaries have a tense eagerness to be at their work and in their stations lest there should be perchance one soul who was turning to them for help out of darkness to light. They know there will be those, for they are constantly coming. What an opening for the great new year 1923!

Kindergarten Work.—The work supported by the Woman's Missionary Council in Japan consists of a system of kindergartens; the Bible woman's work of the Japan Methodist Church; the establishment and maintenance of the Social-Evangelistic Centers; the training of kindergartners and Bible women and other types of Christian workers in a great training school for women; the support of a Commercial School for women, such as the Palmore School for men. This work is staffed by twelve missionaries at the close of 1922.

Kindergarten work in Japan is one of the most fruitful fields for evangelistic effort, the one great means of access to the Japanese homes and often the only means of access. The evangelistic results are certain. The Council supported during 1922 seventeen kindergartens (the number has already become twenty-three in 1923), with six hundred and seventy-five children (now nine hundred and twenty-five), and at a cost to the Council of $7,142. In addition, $2,676.25 has come through fees from patrons, which vary from twenty-five cents a month per child to one dollar a month. The kindergartens are housed in various types of buildings, warehouses, stores, homes, little church chapel auditoriums (seats removed), residences, and some buildings constructed for the purpose, like the new Airin Kwan in Oita. The average enrollment of the kindergartens has been forty. In many cases there have been more than one hundred applicants, half of whom have been turned away. The Council supports twenty-six native kindergarten teachers for the work of these kindergartens. All of these kindergartens need playground equipment, buildings, and special supervision. These kindergartens now are supervised by native pastors, missionary superintendents, wives of missionaries, and Council workers. The work

needs a kindergarten field supervisor, who will work out general plans for scientific supervision. The wives of the superintendents are now of the greatest help. They hold mothers' meetings, and often, in addition, conduct domestic science classes in cooking and sewing, and also visit in the homes. The kindergarten is an evangelizing agency of high order in Japan. There is no limit to what may be accomplished through this agency. Many of them can be developed into city and country community centers, and only need more Council workers to make this possible.

Bible Woman's Work.—The Woman's Missionary Council supports the Bible woman's work of the Japan Mission. There have been twenty-five of these native workers supported this past year at a cost of $6,859, or $274 for each. The cost of supporting a Bible woman includes salary, house rent, literature, and itineration. No overestimate can be made of the superior quality of the Bible women of Japan and the fine type of work they are doing. They are the women evangelists, the "Fujin Dendoshi," of the Church, with their appointments made by a committee composed of Council workers and superintendents and native pastors. These appointments are read at the Annual Conference of the Mission by the bishop. The native Churches have not yet been able to take this item over into their budgets, and greatly appreciate this absolutely essential part of their Church equipment that the Council supplies. How I wish the Council could meet some of these splended women! These Japanese women have physical struggles to face aside from the price they have to pay for becoming Christian workers, and it is not easy for any of them. Real heroism exists in their ranks. One of the greatest sources of inspiration to the Bible women, and a thing that keeps up their morale, is the summer conference, held each year for the deepening of their spiritual lives and for the study of the methods of work. This conference provides for these workers what similar conferences supply to Christian workers here. Some day we should have a Council cottage at Karuizawa, with provision for native workers as well as missionaries, so that there can be a rest spot in the midst of Christian influences for them. This is one of the "big specials" we want some day, a lovely rest memorial cottage for missionaries and Bible women.

Social-Evangelistic Centers.—The Social-Evangelistic Center, gradually being developed in the woman's work in Japan, is meeting a real need in bringing the Christian message to womanhood in terms of their daily lives. They make possible a way of contact which, after all, is the most needed and at the same time one of the most difficult things in Oriental fields. One must have an entree into Oriental homes. There are to-day four of these city evangelistic centers in Oita, Kobe, Osaka, and Kure. The fine Centenary plant, called the "House of Neighborly Love," in Oita is bearing fruit for life eternal. Miss Gist and Miss Van Hooser have been the missionary staff this year. Besides the kindergarten there have been cooking and English classes, girls' clubs and mothers' meetings, Bible study groups and Church activities centered in the plant. The work is kept close to the Church by taking the girls' clubs to Sunday school and

keeping in close touch with the pastor and by offering the center for all Church functions. There is no mission school of any denomination within one hundred miles of Oita, so this center has to be a center for work for women on a large scale. The work is definitely evangelistic. During the year the head of the silk factory in Oita, a factory with fifteen hundred girl employees, opened up his plant for our work. This is one of a series of silk factories, forty-three in all, under the same company. The company has built an auditorium for meetings, and the factory is wide open to Christian work. Our workers are so eager to make good in this great new field. In the fall a special evangelistic meeting was held in Oita by Bishop Boaz and Dr. R. S. Stewart and a number of local evangelists, and as a result ninety-six gave their names as probationers and fourteen were baptized. The Center coöperated in every possible way. Since then group meetings have been conducted at the center, and of these Miss Gist writes: "I have never been in such meetings—mostly prayer meetings for small groups—but the folk in these groups are so *spirit filled* that they will certainly bless the city. Airin Kwan is like heaven these days." A Pentecost has again broken out in Oita.

The city center in Osaka is connected with the new Lambuth, one building to serve, for the time, both purposes. A model baby welfare clinic has been built into the building and provision made for clubrooms and for tennis and recreation grounds on the roof. The students will be trained in these various lines of work.

In Kure, Miss Worth, Miss Searcy, and Miss Jean Callahan are developing the third evangelistic center. A property formerly belonging to the Presbyterians has been leased with a view to ultimate purchase in 1924, and a program of evangelistic work has already been started in this great naval center. Some wondered what the result of the Disarmament Conference might mean to this great ship-building city, but the result has been closing of smaller building centers and the concentration of ship building more and more at this center, so that there has been no falling off in need and opportunity. This plant, when completed, will consist of the present house, which will be remodeled into an evangelistic building, a new missionary home, and a new native workers' home. The plant is well situated for a large work. All is done in coöperation with the Church and affords opportunity for enlargement of the woman's work of the Church.

The old Lambuth Training School in Kobe is being readapted to the work of a city center. Here will be developed "The Woman's Commercial School," affiliated with Palmore, and the dormitory and classrooms will be used by the commercial students. Much repairing and remodeling and renovating will be essential in the near future to make this adequate. Miss Holland and Miss Anderson will have charge of this work, which has already for years been recognized as an active evangelistic center.

In all the city centers programs of religious education for the Christian constituency are the one thing immediately needful, and as rapidly as possible missionaries who are prepared to teach and direct religious education should be sent to Japan to work in connection with each of the city

centers. The entire city center program, as outlined in the Centenary Askings, should be completed gradually in the years following the Centenary period.

The New Lambuth Training School for Christian Workers in Osaka.—The one great Centenary achievement of the year of 1922 has been the building of the new Lambuth Training School in Osaka, Japan. By the time the Council meets the two schools, the Lambuth Bible School and the Horoshima Kindergarten Training School, will have moved into the new plant. It is a ferro-concrete structure, built on a lot about an acre in size. It includes the home for the missionary faculty, the home of full-time Japanese women faculty members, the students (fifty in all), classrooms, library, chapel, reception room, student dining room, living room, kindergarten, baby welfare clinic, clubroom, music rooms, and roof playground. A lovely broad boulevard, or plaza, is being built by the city across the frontage of the property, which will give it a position and accessibility to all parts of the city that is unexcelled. This is the first real educational institution that the Council has built in Japan, and houses its oldest work, and is entirely a Centenary enterprise. It was made possible by the willingness of the Council workers in Japan to concentrate, during the Centenary period, on one worth-while thing rather than on a large number of smaller enterprises that could come in time. The total cost of the building, furnished complete, is about $95,000. It is the first educational institution of our Church in this city of 2,000,000 people. What a flaming torch for Christ it will be and what a center of Christian work, radiating in all directions. It is a real Centenary achievement. There is no greater work than the training of Christian workers. When the Bible School was located in Kobe, the theological faculty of Kwansei Gakuin was very helpful in the teaching service that it rendered to the school, making an A-grade staff possible at a minimum cost. Some of these professors will still be able to render service, but there is need of building as quickly as possible a permanent full-time staff with a good proportion of women teachers. The first problem has been that of choosing a President for the school. Miss Margaret Cook will continue as the head of the Kindergarten Department and Miss Annie Bell Williams at the head of the Bible Department. In addition, a President is needed who can affiliate the school closely with the Japanese Church. This has been the subject of most earnest prayers. From the beginning one man has been seen who would meet every need, Mr. Akazawa, at present Centenary Secretary of the Japan Methodist Church, called the John Wesley of Japan because of his spiritual life and character. The Council women and the Japan Mission and Bishop Boaz united in asking Bishop Usaki, of the Japan Methodist Church, to release him for this new work by the fall of 1923. We are still waiting and praying that he may feel it is God's plan.

One great need that must be gradually met by the Council is provision for travel scholarships for one or two years for one or two exceptional women already trained in Japanese schools, who, in the judgment of the missionaries, would be assets on the permanent staff of the school. They

need to come to America to get inspiration and training for this special work. Miss Takamori, with her master's degree in kindergarten from Columbia University, who is now on the staff, is one of the greatest assets of the institution at present. The school will not seek for numbers in the boarding department, but select carefully those whom it will give this privilege. Day pupils need have no limit placed upon their numbers, and extension classes will be developed in various parts of the city.

The Increased Budget and Staff for Japan.—The regular budget for the Japan Mission, which became the standard budget for the Centenary period, was $20,066, this supporting a small program with only seven missionaries. To-day the staff has been increased to twelve, and the city centers and new training school have been opened and, besides, there are new kindergartens that have been developed. The immediate post-Centenary need of the Japan work is that the regular budget for running expenses be raised till it it at least $60,000. This will be a minimum for operative expenses for the new program. Even this will not allow for increased expansion. No more vital fact needs to be faced than that a $40,000 increase will have to be added to Japan to carry forward what has already been launched. While the staff, during the Centenary, has been increased from seven to twelve there is need of still further increase. A steady stream of about three each year should be added for the next five-year period. Probably that is as many as can be assimilated each year by the Mission. The loss of Miss Katherine Hatcher from the faculty of the Kindergarten Training School by marriage is a very great loss. Miss Hatcher has acquired Japanese so splendidly, was loved by the people, and was a gifted teacher, and many hopes were built upon her in the future of the training school. The close of her missionary work with her first furlough leaves our ranks sorely depleted at a crucial hour of opportunity.

Korea Mission.

Educational and Evangelistic Awakening.—It is not easy to depict the unprecedented situation in Korea that has been largely the development of the past year. It can only be called "an educational and evangelistic awakening," and yet these terms are not significant apart from the understanding of the nationalistic movement and spirit that is back of it, and that is in many senses its keynote. Korea feels herself in a death struggle. Twenty per cent of her economic wealth is in other hands than hers. The fight is on for very existence. She knows it. The men, women, and children know it, and with a tenseness that is difficult to describe they are seizing upon that which they believe will save them. It is like the upreaching arms of people in a sinking ship. *Education:* To Korea to-day that word means all in all. It expresses their desire. It is embodiment of hopes. Not only boys and girls are pouring into the classrooms to be turned away by the hundreds, but mature men, and especially women, are demanding what was denied them in childhood, and so appeal for adult education. I simply cannot describe the pitiful, persistent efforts of those who sought

and plead for chances to be sent to America to study. *Evangelistic Awakening:* How else shall we name it. "Here I am," they say by the hundreds and thousands, "here I am, take me and teach me your doctrine. I am willing 'to become.'" It is not a deep penitence and conviction for sin, not a deep cry of a soul for God, not a great outpouring of Holy Spirit, but the upstretched hands of a people seeking God "as a refuge" in a day of trouble. How marvelous this makes the opportunity, because it gives the contact; and how wonderful will be the result if the "Christians' God comes down" in real converting and convicting power. This is the situation to-day. Schools and churches are full to overflowing, and an intense nationalistic spirit back of and animating all. Can you see it? Is it any wonder that our Mission is asking for twice the number of workers, that intensive personal evangelistic work can be carried forward; and, in the light of it, can we not better understand why our missionaries voted to give next year entirely to conservation rather than expansion? Was there ever a day when the Church at home needed to pray more for Korea and the Korean missionaries? In the light of the educational situation, there is a need of a restudy of the entire educational program of the Council, with a vew to the determination of what can and cannot be attempted. Without such a well-thought-through plan of educational work, we are in danger of being swept off our feet into a program of education that we cannot carry in the years to come, and which probably we do not need to carry. We are not providing a system of secular education, but a system of Christian education, and the day is coming when the Koreans will want to take the burden of this upon themselves, and we cannot afford to make it such that they cannot handle it when that day comes.

The Itinerating Evangelistic Workers.—Four of the five districts of the Korean Mission—Songdo, Wonsan, Chul Won, and Choon Chun—are so organized as to require women itinerating evangelistic workers. The population of each of these districts is between two hundred and three hundred thousand people. In Choon Chun District there are eighty-four organized Churches, in the Chul Won district seventy-five, in Wonsan seventy-six, and in Songdo one hundred and twenty-six. These Churches constitute the parish of these itinerating workers. It is their duty to visit them, teach the women, train them, organize, and supervise missionary societies. These evangelistic women are vital in the Mission. Miss Randle supervises the Choon Chun District, with her fourteen Bible women and eighty-four Churches; Miss Erwin, the Chul Won District, with fifteen Bible women and seventy-five Churches; Miss Cooper, the Wonsan District, with fourteen Bible women and seventy-six Churches; and Miss Bertha Smith (until her return), the Songdo District, with fifteen Bible women and one hundred and twenty-six Churches. In these districts are one hundred and sixty-three missionary societies, with one thousand five hundred and twenty-nine active members. District institutes and Bible study classes are held on each district, and the women are trained and serve on "preaching bands." Our missionaries have been helped in some of the district work this year by Ford cars, that, now that

Japan has built roads, can be used instead of pack ponies. There should be one car for each district as a minimum. The workers have done much good in the building up of Christian homes and family altars. Miss Cooper has fifty thousand families that she feels are her parish. These missionaries supervise the parochial schools and keul pangs related to the Christian Churches. There were about eight hundred pupils in the parochial schools of Korea this past year. Summer Bible conferences are held by these workers for the deepening of spiritual life of the Bible women and for instruction in Bible study. No phase of work is more vital and in none is there greater need of an increase of workers. This work and workers should be constantly made the subject of prayer. Practically all of these itinerating missionaries have some groups or classes for which they are also responsible in the stations, where are located their missionary homes. There is a great shortage of workers in this line of work, both missionaries and Bible women. The missionaries have placed as a goal a minimum of two Bible women for each circuit. If this is carried out there will have to be a large increase in Bible women. It is not easy to find and train these women, and it takes more and more for support. The Conference Women's Missionary Society has supported one evangelistic Bible woman in each district besides sending and supporting one in Siberia, their first foreign mission field.

Evangelistic City Centers.—During the year 1922 considerable progress has been made in the development of the work in city centers. The purpose of these centers is to supplement and stimulate what is being done in the Churches and to afford for all the Churches a center for Church activities that they could not have in their own buildings. One such center in a city means everything to the Churches of the city.

The Songdo City Center has secured this year its new Centenary building, which was erected at a cost of about $17,500. It is a lovely building and well adapted to the work, containing a dispensary, music room, auditorium, classrooms, play room for babies, public living room, etc. It is built of white stone, steam heated, and electric lighted. The building of such a building for woman's work attracted the attention of the Christians and non-Christians of Songdo. They simply could not believe that such a building would be built for *women*, and when at last the word "women" actually appeared on the exterior, they named the building at once the "House of High and Noble Aims," and from that hour its classrooms have been filled with women students. The total enrollment for 1922 has been five hundred and fifty-eight, not counting the numbers who attended the lectures, concerts, etc. Young mothers from sixteen to thirty are studying four nights a week Bible, singing, reading, arithmetic, Chinese, and Japanese. Miss Mauk has had charge of the music department. The elevating influence of this department is felt throughout Songdo. All six Churches of the city feel the benefit of the work of the center. Ninety-eight per cent of all who take work at the Center are enrolled in the Bible classes. The dispensary is under the supervision of Ivy Hospital. There

is no way of indicating the good done to both women and Churches through this Center.

The Wonsan City Center building has been held back by the Centenary funds, although the land has already been purchased, just an ideal site. Miss Cooper, however, is by no means idle, and already a large program of work is being built up that is simply waiting to be housed. The Choon Chun City Center is also awaiting its Centenary building that is being delayed by unpaid pledges, but here again the work is going on while eagerly awaiting the payment of the Centenary funds. The city work in Chul Won is taking the form of a night school for women, and over one hundred and fifteen women were enrolled this past year. This also awaits a building when the Centenary claims are over. The Seoul City Center, which is a union enterprise between the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Presbyterians, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, enrolled over one thousand women in its classes and groups this past year. The plans for the unionization of this work have been more fully developed, and the prospects for an unprecedented work for women are very bright.

All of these centers are placing emphasis on Bible study, and more and more other lines of religious education will find their place in the program. They will supplement the work of the Churches, but not overlap their work. In the Seoul Center the Conference Woman's Missionary Society will have a part in the choosing of a member of the Board of Directors to represent our Church, thus relating the work more closely to the Conference Woman's Work.

The Boarding Schools—Holston, Carolina Institute, and Lucy Cuninggim. —The Council supports three higher common schools in Korea, all of which have boarding and day school pupils. Of these schools Holston Institute has had twelve hundred students during 1922, Carolina Institute five hundred, and Lucy Cuninggim more than five hundred, making a total enrollment of twenty-two hundred day and boarding pupils in these three boarding schools alone, which, with the eight hundred in the day schools, makes three thousand girls in the schools of the Council in Korea during 1922. Two of these schools, Carolina Institute and Holston Institute, desire to be allowed to add "Special Schools," and if so will be able to carry girls to college entrance. One of the greatest needs in the educational plans for Korea to-day is the securing of a Union College for women for which various special schools and higher common schools may serve as feeders.

During the year, a second story has been added to Carolina Institute Primary building. At the same time a longed-for new road has been opened up, thus giving Carolina Institute access to one of the main thoroughfares of the city. A new higher common school building is the next thing in order and is immediately urgent. Part of it is made available by the Centenary funds, and the rest will depend upon the sale of the old site of Carolina Institute. New land at the rear of the present property will have to be purchased as a site for a new building. The school is growing in the

estimation of the patrons, as is seen in the doubling of the student body. The missionary home has been repaired, thus making it more comfortable for the workers. Holston Institute is still waiting for a kindergarten building promised in the Centenary and held back by unpaid Centenary pledges. Holston Institute also needs a new primary building. Lucy Cuninggim and Francis Hitch are also awaiting development promised in the Centenary. The Francis Hitch Primary building awaits Centenary funds to add to these already given for this purpose. This school also has more than doubled its enrollment, and the attitude of the people toward the school is greatly changed for the better. During the year the self-help department of Lucy Cuninggim has been placed upon a firm basis. The raising of silk worms and the making of silk batting and simple cloth is not only financially remunerative, but affords splendid training for these students for future life.

The Union Bible Training School and Medical Work.—The last payment of the Centenary pledges to make possible our share on a fifty-fifty basis in the Bible Training School was made this year, and now the Board is at work on the organization of a property-holding organization according to Japanese law, that property may be held jointly for the interests of both Methodisms. The last payment of the Council made possible the installation of the heating system and also other needed equipment. The faculty have given considerable attention this year to the staffing of the institution, and this fall one of the first steps to be taken will be to send to the Scarritt Bible and Training School one of the finest young women of Methodism in Korea, who has already taken all that her country can provide in educational opportunities, and who is to be trained for her future work on the staff. Miss Hortense Tinsley has been serving this past year as the representative of Southern Methodism on the faculty. There have been four nurses on the field this past year. Miss Furry has been in Choon Chun giving time to language study. Miss Bray spent the first half of the year at Ivy Hospital, and since Conference has been in Wonsan at the Wonsan Christian Hospital. Misses Lowder and Turner have been in Ivy Hospital since Annual Conference. Beginning with 1923, the Council assumes responsibility for a nurse at Severance Hospital. The work in Korea, if properly staffed by the Council, would require six full-time nurses at all times. A new nurse will be sent to the field this summer. The building of a beautiful nurses' home at Ivy Hospital by the Council has been a Centenary achievement for 1922.

The Organization of the Korea Mission.—One of the far-reaching steps of the year has been the organization for the first time of the Korean Mission, which plan of organization will be brought before the Board of Missions this year for ratification. The need for some plan of organization which would recognize the Mission as a mission as distinguished from the Korean Annual Conference, has been long felt. The women of the Mission especially have been embarrassed by not being eligible to membership in the Korean Annual Conference, where matters relating to their work were discussed and handled. The new plan, with a fifty-fifty executive

committee for the Mission composed of men and women and recognition of the equality of men and women on all committees, means much to the progress of the work in Korea and is the beginning of a new day for the Mission. Bishop Boaz has done a great piece of work in giving attention to this much needed phase of administration.

Increased Budget for Korea.—The Korean Mission work of the Council will require at the close of the Centenary period for its regular expense budget at least $40,000 more than at the beginning of the Centenary period, when the budget was fixed at the standard amount of $63,193. New workers have been added to the staff, city centers and schools have been developed, and this, with the increased cost of living and increased salaries, will take a much larger budget than when the Centenary began. Even this amount will not provide for extension or growth, but will be needed for the actual upkeep of the work as it exists at the close of 1922.

LATIN-AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FIELDS.

ESTHER CASE, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

In the Office.

As this session of the Woman's Missionary Council brings to a close the year in which the work of the office has required more constant attention, through more consecutive hours than any before, perhaps this Secretary may be pardoned for referring to it.

Attendance at General Conference in Hot Springs; the Summer School at Lake Junaluska; a hurried visit to Mexico, which required absence from the office for almost three weeks; the interdenominational committees in New York and Bethlehem, Pa.; work as a member of a Centenary Team; besides numerous shorter trips and presentation of the work in Nashville and its vicinity, consumed a great deal of time, during which correspondence from over our connection at home and from the foreign fields accumulated. The working hours of the days were never enough to permit of "catching up" promptly with correspondence after these absences.

It is an extraordinary privilege to have a part in this important work. It was a pleasure to be permitted to have some touch with the work in the Oriental fields during the months of Miss Howell's absence, and an inexpressible joy to have her at home and at her desk again. The only regret in it all was that some letters had to wait for answers and many kind invitations which afforded opportunities to tell of the work could not be accepted.

In September the Board of Missions moved from the Publishing House to the Lambuth Building. The Foreign Section has more room in its new home in which to do its work than it had in the Publishing House.

Interboard Committees.

Committee on Coöperation in Latin America.—Aside from the regular appropriation which the Council has recommended for a number of years

for the general work of the Committee, which prepares Christian literature in Spanish and Portugese, has compiled a bibliography of good books in those languages, through its subcommittees in working on plans for greater coöperation in educational, evangelistic, and other lines of missionary endeaver, we contribute to one special enterprise only, a subsidy of $500 a year to *La Nueva Democracia.* This splendid magazine, in Spanish, is gaining steadily in favor, and even counts several Presidents of Latin-American republics among its subscribers.

An enterprise in which we might well have a part, and which should have a broad influence for good in Mexico, is the Union Evangelical Press, located in Mexico City.

The Committee is organizing a Conference of representatives of Boards of Missions having work on the continent of South America, to be held in the city of Montevideo early in February, 1924, for the purpose of studying the fields and making recommendations to the interested Boards. The Conference is to be composed of an equal number of delegates from the United States, missionaries from the fields, and native workers. It is hoped that this Conference may give missionary work in South America a greater impulse, even, than did the Panama Conference in 1916.

Committee on Coöperation in the Congo.—The joint hostel has been completed in Kinshasa on land leased from the Bristish Baptist Missionary Society. Missionaries entering and leaving Congo Belge now have a comfortable place in which to stay while waiting at Kinshasa for transportation. Plans are being projected for a simular hostel at Matadi.

Africa.

Missionaries.—Two parties of missionaries sailed for Congo Belge in 1922, bringing the number of our missionaries to that field up to five, three of whom are nurses and two educational missionaries. Miss Willie Hall, who had been in Belgium for nearly a year, studying French and becoming acquainted with Belgian customs while waiting for a party of missionaries with whom she could proceed to Africa, sailed from Antwerp in June, in company with Miss Kathron Wilson, R.N., who was returning to the field after furlough at home. Mrs. Fannie B. Warren, R.N., whose appointment was changed from Mexico to Congo Belge, in company with Miss Christine Allen, sailed for Belgium early in August. Miss Kathron Wilson took the course in tropical medicine offered by the Belgian government to missionaries and others who go to Congo Belge, and passed her examinations with credit, although the work was done in the French language. Due to the fact that Mrs. Warren and Miss Allen would have had to remain in Belgium for a number of months, or perhaps a year, to acquire sufficient knowledge of French to take the medical course, Bishop Cannon, who was in Belgium at the time, advised them to sail late in August in company with Mr. and Mrs. Shadel, who were returning to the field. Both of these parties made the voyage and overland journey in unusually short time and under favorable circumstances.

Mission Stations and Work of Missionaries.—There are now four stations

in the mission, and we have Council missionaries at three of them. Miss Flora Foreman, R.N., who took up the medical work in Wembo-Nyama, which had been carried on so well by Miss Kathron Wilson, is still working in the hospital there. Since we have no educational missionary to take charge of the Girls' Home in Wembo-Nyama, Mrs. Anker has kindly supervised that work for us and has sent the reports promptly.

Miss Kathron Wilson's new appointment is to Lubefu. This station is to be moved from the hill on which it is located to a spot nearer the river, for safety of the missionaries and the natives. The place on the hill, which was selected by Bishop Lambuth as the site for the station, because it is high and he considered it to be a healthy location, has suffered several times from lightning. Natives have been killed and their houses burned, and these experiences indicate that it is not a safe place for a mission station. Miss Wilson has been busily engaged in medical work for the natives, and for the missionaries whenever necessary. She has had to work under handicap while waiting for the Belgian goverment to grant the concession for the new station, at which buildings will have to be erected for the hospital, missionaries' residences, church, school, etc. Miss Willie G. Hall and Mrs. Fannie B. Warren are at Tunda, a new station in a wild section of the country. The missionaries have written that they have to keep guards of natives to prevent wild buffaloes from trampling their gardens and doing other damage.

Letters have been received from missionaries, both men and women, urging that a woman doctor be sent to the field as soon as possible, and that more educational workers and trained nurses be sent also.

Brazil.

Missionaries and Teachers.—Four new missionaries and two missionary teachers sailed for Brazil in 1922. These and the three missionaries who sailed in 1921 have brought the number in Brazil up to about where it was when at its height eight or nine years ago. The decline, which began at that time, seemed for a while to cause discouragement and general depression regarding the outlook of the work. The health of the missionaries has very greatly improved. Their letters bring cheering messages of progress in the work. Bishop Dobbs made a few changes in the appointments. Miss Mary Sue Brown returned to Porto Alegre after furlough and resumed the principalship of Collegio Americano, and Misses Sarah Stout and Elma Morgan came home, the latter for health reasons. Miss Helen Hardy was sent to Porto Alegre, Miss Jessie Moore to Piracicaba, Miss Rosalie Brown to Bennett College in Rio, and Miss Cavie Clark to Ribeirao Preto; Miss Lela Putnam is at Ribeirao Preto, Miss Rachel Jarrett at Bello Horizonte, and Misses Lydia Ferguson and Nancy Holt are at People's Central Institute in Rio.

Training Centers.—In each of the three Conferences there is a well-defined educational system, consisting of a training center for teachers and Christian workers, with which are correlated regional boarding schools and

day schools. The course of study is uniform for the field and there is coöperation in all the educational work.

The popularity of Bennett College in Rio de Janerio makes the erection of the new administration building a necessity if the student body is to continue to grow. This project has been held up because we have been unsuccessful in securing additional land to enlarge the campus. An adjoining property has been rented, which affords some additional classrooms and dormitory space. The missionaries are waiting eagerly for the time to come when the first graduates from the Normal Department may take their places as members of the faculty of the school and when Bennett College may send prepared teachers to the other schools.

O Piracicabano, at Piracicaba, in the Central Brazil Conference, has had a good year. Miss Lily Stradley, the principal, has purchased several lots with Centenary money to enlarge the school property. The former church building, which was purchased last year, has afforded additional schoolrooms. There was not room to accommodate all the pupils who applied for entrance into the boarding department.

The new school building on the property purchased in Santa Maria in the South Brazil Conference is nearing completion. During the first year the limits of the cottage on the place were reached when the fiftieth pupil was enrolled. This small building has served as living quarters for Miss Andrew and Miss Best, and for the school work. The name "Collegio Centenario," which was selected by the Council, has greatly pleased the Brazilian people. We named it for our great Methodist Centenary, which furnished us with the money to buy the land and put up the building, but the Brazilians consider that it is named for Brazil's centenary, which is being celebrated with great pomp and at great expense this year.

Regional Boarding Schools.—Soon after Miss Mary Sue Brown returned to Brazil, the work of the new school building for Collegio Americano, in Porto Alegre was started. It was completed in time for the opening of the new school year in March, and the residence has been remodeled to make enlarged quarters for the boarding department. This school has had a phenomenal growth since it moved out of a rented house into its own home.

Collegio Isabella Hendrix, in Bello Horizonte, has had a successful year under the leadership of Miss Emma Christine.

The plans have been drawn for an administration building for Collegio Methodista, at Ribeirao Preto, but the work cannot begin unless the Centenary money for 1923 comes into our treasury.

Day Schools.—The church and parsonage at Villa Isabel have been completed, but, owing to delay in getting satisfactory plans, the school building has not yet been started, although the $20,000 has been on the field since the first Centenary year.

The work of the Day School at Institutional Church, in Porto Alegre, has gone forward under the direction of a missionary of the General Foreign Department. The Bible women have been faithful in their work in that section of Porto Alegre. When the pastor of this Church, Mr. Ungharetti, was in this country to attend the General Conference, he

plead for a missionary to take charge of this school, and our missionaries are hoping that sometime we may be able to have a cottage at the Institutional Church, similar to the one at People's Central Institute in Rio, with resident missionaries there to supervise the day school and take charge of social evangelistic work at the church.

People's Central Institute.—The cottage for missionaries at People's Central Institute, in Rio, has been completed. Miss Perkinson, whose office as Field Secretary and Administrative Principal of Bennett College is at the college, is living at the cottage with Miss Lydia Ferguson and Miss Nancy R. Holt, who are in charge of the day school and the social evangelistic work in what is one of the neediest sections of that large capital city. We are coöperating with the General Foreign Department of the Board of Missions in this work. The cottage is the first home for our women missionaries which has ever been built in a Latin-American field. They say it is like an oasis in a desert and will be a haven of rest for the workers at the Institute and for tired missionaries.

Literature.—Our newest work in Brazil is that which Miss Leila F. Epps is doing in Sao Paulo as editor of Christian literature for women and children in the Portuguese language. While on her furlough Miss Epps spent some time in the office of the Department of Literature with Miss Haskin and took special courses in Journalism and other subjects in preparation for this important work. She has an office in the Publishing House in Sao Paulo. With the coöperation of the missionaries and teachers in the schools, she conducts a circulating library for young people, and in return they send her translations and articles for her publications. She edits a monthly magazine for children and is printing programs for the Brazilian Woman's Missionary Societies, is preparing a book of selections for daily devotions, has brought out a translation of Robinson Crusoe in simplified form for children, and has many other projects under way. It is impossible to estimate the good her work in preparing wholesome, clean literature will do when her publications reach multitudes who have not yet identified themselves actively with our missionary work, and with whom formerly our missionaries have not had contact. Miss Epps also superintends the work of the Bible women in Sao Paulo, carrying on this part of the work formerly done by Miss Amelia Elerding.

Meetings.—The annual meeting of the missionaries was held in December, in Rio de Janeiro, and was a time of great inspiration to all the missionaries. After the meeting closed they remained in the city for a few days to visit the Centenary Exposition.

In January of this year the missionaries under both Departments of the Board of Missions in South Brazil held in Santa Maria what perhaps was first Teachers' Institute ever held in Brazil. Five mission schools coöperated in this work, with such success that the missionaries of other Boards of Missions working in that district have requested to have a part in a similar institute next year. Doubtless, there has never been a time in our missionary work in Brazil when the opportunities for work were so great as they are now and when the missionaries were more alive to the opportunities and more eager to take advantage of them.

CUBA.

General Statement.—For several years Cuba has been in a chronic state of financial panic and political unrest. This condition has affected the enrollment in two of our three schools and has caused a decrease in school fees in each of them. No changes have been made in the appointments of the missionaries. Miss Junia Jones's appointment is to Colegio Buenavista in Havana.

Property Improvements.—In Havana, a second story was added to the Colegio Buenavista building, which has given much needed space for classrooms and bed rooms. The Week of Prayer collection for 1922, which was directed to Colegio Buenavista for the school building, must be supplemented by other funds, because it is not sufficient for the kind of building that is needed. New land has been purchased in Matanzas just across the street from the Irene Toland school property on which a modern school building will be erected with Centenary funds. When this building is completed the boarding department will be housed in the present school building, and it will not then be necessary for a part of the boarding department to live at Quinta Tosca. This will be a great convenience, as there are difficulties to be overcome when boarding pupils must be taken back and forth through the streets in a tropical climate. In December, 1922, the repairs on the new property for the Eliza Bowman School were completed and the school transferred to its new quarters. The building on the property is not large enough to accommodate adequately the school and the boarding department. Miss Moling writes that at the end of each class period there is a change from corridor to bed room, from bed room to shade tree, and back again. Bishop Cannon urges strongly that a new building be provided, to get the children under cover from the tropical sun and the frequent showers of rain. However, we have no fund available at present for such a building.

MEXICO.

Conditions in General.—The work in Mexico has made satisfactory progress, although in some stations it has been handicapped by an insufficient number of missionaries to carry forward important lines of work. Early in 1923 political unrest and a financial panic added to the burdens of the missionaries in a very material way.

Missionaries.—Few changes have been made in the appointments of missionaries. Miss Emma L. Eldridge was transferred from Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua, to Colegio Roberts, Saltillo, and Miss Laura V. Wright from Colegio Palmore to the Centro.

The appointments of new missionaries are as follows: Miss Dora O'Lula Hanna, Colegio Progreso, Parral; Miss Naomi Chapman, R.N., Hospital Monterrey; Miss Lorraine Buck, Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua; Deaconess Cornelia Godbey, Hospital Monterrey.

Miss Hanna was called away from Parral by the illness of her brother in January, and for family reasons will be at home indefinitely.

Colegio Roberts, Saltillo.—The new three-story modern school building

for Colegio Roberts is said to be the best school building in the Republic of Mexico. The Governor of the State presided over the dedication ceremony and made it a part of the State celebration of Mexico's Independence Day last September. In this building is carried on the work of the various departments—Normal, Biblical, Commercial, English, Home Economics, Kindergarten, Kindergarten Training, and Practice School. The first class graduated from the Bible Department of the school last May. The department of home economics was opened last fall when Miss Emma L. Eldridge was transferred from Chihuahua. The boarding department is still in the old property. The exercise of going back and forth between the school and dormitory is good for the girls, except in rainy weather. We wait longingly for the time when we can have a dormitory building near the school building and when we can use the old property for a Christian social evangelistic center, which shall be a laboratory for the students in the Bible department. All our other schools in Mexico are correlated with this training center, and the girls in the different student volunteer bands are making their plans to study at Roberts College at sometime in the future.

Boarding Schools.—Colegio Palmore, in Chihuahua, has been enlarged by the erection of the new Centenary administration building. This is a two-story brick building and is a modern school building in every respect. During the time of the building the girl boarders have been living at what was formerly the boys' boarding department, and the boys were transferred to the dormitories at the school property. Members of the Chamber of Commerce of Chihuahua, who have visited the school recently, have stated that is the best school in the State. When the old adobe building, which has served the school for so long, can be remodeled for the boarding department, this splendid school will be well housed and equipped for its work.

The enrollment at MacDonell Institute, in Durango, has increased greatly during the year. The kindergarten overflowed the bounds of the room set aside for the work and had to be moved into new quarters provided especially for it.

A needy point in our work from the standpoint of buildings is Monterrey. Instituto Ingles-Espanol is popular and has a good enrollment of day pupils, but it has no dormitory building, and for that reason the boarding department is necessarily very small, and Miss Ingrum has carried it on under difficulties. Additional property should be purchased, and as soon as funds can be made available a dormitory should be provided for the school.

Colegio Progreso, Parral.—This is still the most needy institution in our work in Mexico. It has been impossible to make plans for a new building, because of the irregular shape of the property. At last we have succeeded in purchasing adjoining property to extend the front and have bought two small pieces which jutted into our land, but these purchases have cut down the amount available for the building. Until we can have a respectable building we cannot hope for the school to attract the patronage it deserves

or to contribute as it should to the spread of the gospel in Parral. It is a tragedy for the school that after struggling for years without missionary supervision, Miss Hanna should find it necessary to give up the work in only a few months after being placed in charge. We are under many obligations to Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Thacker, who have carried on the work since Miss Hanna returned home. Mrs. Thacker has been teaching classes in the school during the entire year, and is now the acting principal.

Medical Work.—The dispensary at Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua, has been a blessing to many who could not otherwise have had medical treatment and medicines.

Miss Naomi Chapman, R.N., has entered enthusiastically into her work at Hospital Monterrey.

The missionaries recommend our participation in the hospital work at Torreon and Chihuahua by providing the nurses in these institutions, which belong to the General Foreign Department of the Board of Missions.

Evangelistic Work.—The enrollment at Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua, reached almost 1,000. Miss Lillie Fox wrote that she sang the Doxology when she added the figures of enrollment of the different classes and found that they summed up 991 pupils. When the Public School Inspector visited the kindergarten and the various classes of the Centro for the first time, he stated that he had never heard of such an institution and had no idea before of what the Protestants were doing for the good of his people.

Centro Cristiano, in Monterrey, is still in a rented building. The missionaries and Bishop Cannon are in favor of our purchasing the hospital property for the Centro when the Foreign General Department of the Board can provide a new and adequate building for the hospital. Miss Warne and Miss McCaughan have developed the work at the Centro as far as possible in a rented building.

After her furlough, Miss Norwood E. Wynn returned to Chihuahua and resumed her evangelistic work and her work among the student volunteers by supervising the work of the different bands in our schools and congregations throughout the territory assigned to our Church in Mexico. She has also been active in the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies. The first annual meeting of the Mexico Conference Woman's Missionary Society met in Saltillo in April, 1922, at the time of the Student Volunteer Convention. At this meeting the first four young women volunteers to graduate from the Biblical Department of Roberts College were consecrated as home missionaries. One of these young women is Miss Wynn's assistant. Another is an evangelistic worker in Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua. The other two are district evangelists, one of them working in the Coahuila district, with headquarters at Piedras Negras, and the other in the Durango district, with headquarters at Torreon. All four of these splendid young women have made fine records during the months they have been at work, and God has greatly blessed their service in bringing new people to a knowledge of Christ.

Last October Deaconess Cornelia Godbey was allocated to Mexico as a

foreign missionary, and her work as religious worker in the hospital in Monterrey has been greatly blessed as she has given the gospel message to patients and their friends in the wards and in the daily religious services in connection with the hospital, as well as in the work of following up the patients by visiting them in their homes.

Our schools are all centers of evangelistic work where the gospel message is given to pupils in the classroom and in the various organizations and activities carried on in connection with these institutions.

Work of Women in the Fields.

The work of the women's missionary societies is being extended in each of the four fields, and women have taken up gladly and most efficiently their duties as lay members of the Church.

In Brazil the missionary societies are supporting a day and boarding school in Biriguy, and they are contributing to the support of other day schools and to the work in Africa.

In Cuba they support scholarships in Colegio Buenavista, Havana, for training Cuban home missionaries and send ten per cent of dues and pledges to be used for our work, both home and foreign.

The missionary societies in Mexico furnish scholarships for training missionary volunteers in Colegio Roberts and send ten per cent of their funds for the work in Korea.

In Mexico and Cuba the women unite in supporting *Antorcha Misionera*, their missionary magazine. Their Week of Prayer offering in 1922 was directed to the *Antorcha*.

In Latin-American fields the missionary women are meeting some of the conditions which their sisters in the homeland have had to overcome. They are endeavoring to convert "aid societies" into connectional auxiliaries, and in Cuba they are grappling with a race problem which is quite as serious as our own. They are looking to us for encouragement and spiritual aid. It should greatly encourage us to know of these faithful fellow workers, who are helping so earnestly and efficiently in the missionary task.

TREASURER.

RECEIPTS FOR 1922.

Conference.	Foreign.	Home.	Scarritt.	Total.	City Mission Vouchers.
Alabama	$ 19,905 03	$ 13,537 25	$ 853 09	$ 34,295 37	.....
Arizona (1 quarter)	224 57	158 07	2 75	385 39	.....
Baltimore	20,117 69	13,929 23	1,058 56	35,105 48	$ 2,334 65
Brazil	16 00	4 00	.....	20 00	.....
Brazil, Central	4 30	.....	.....	4 30	.....
Brazil, South	7 01	1 34	.....	8 35	.....
Central Texas	15,636 28	11,325 92	853 09	27,815 29	2,473 67
China Mission	52 35	.....	.....	52 35	.....
Cuba	16 94	13 64	.....	30 58	.....
Denver	485 35	340 26	.....	825 61	.....
East Oklahoma	6,943 90	4,697 12	1,142 50	12,783 52	.....
Florida	13,338 54	9,731 13	507 73	23,577 40	.....
Holston	18,788 70	12,916 41	198 60	31,903 71	4,278 66
Illinois	357 50	243 53	.....	601 03	.....
Kentucky	11,343 87	7,872 50	233 94	19,450 31	.....
Little Rock	14,130 77	9,769 54	239 80	24,140 11	.....
Los Angeles	2,139 38	1,465 20	16 00	3,620 58	.....
Louisiana	13,465 12	10,133 12	241 85	23,840 09	.....
Louisville	13,092 35	8,972 70	525 15	22,590 20	3,895 75
Memphis	17,084 17	11,859 41	500 60	29,444 18	1,398 92
Mexico	20 76	6 00	.....	26 76	.....
Mississippi	10,108 02	6,900 46	491 75	17,500 23	2,414 93
Missouri	6,193 82	4,287 03	219 15	10,700 00	.....
New Mexico	3,203 70	2,225 49	68 00	5,497 19	.....
North Alabama	19,944 98	13,553 65	1,262 81	34,761 44	3,767 90
North Arkansas	12,038 28	8,227 69	257 83	20,523 80	.....
North Carolina	25,714 80	18,260 60	1,332 66	45,308 06	.....
North Georgia	31,826 10	23,886 02	821 59	56,533 71	2,567 78
North Mississippi	15,035 59	10,213 03	618 52	25,867 14	.....
North Texas	16,836 79	11,815 92	29 38	28,732 09	5,958 10
Northwest	539 24	378 96	.....	918 20	.....
Northwest Texas	9,911 48	6,774 15	647 71	17,333 34	.....
Pacific	1,929 54	1,348 48	161 74	3,439 76	1,995 06
South Carolina	13,624 21	9,257 37	1,076 03	23,957 61	2,416 42
South Georgia	32,923 25	23,952 97	1,086 00	57,962 22	.....
Southwest Missouri	9,423 03	6,476 27	104 70	16,004 00	35,870 83
St. Louis	7,019 91	4,664 19	629 95	12,314 05	7,117 83
Tennessee	17,009 41	11,634 46	1,202 90	29,846 77	9,110 39
Texas	16,428 24	11,270 97	347 00	28,046 21	2,721 03
Upper South Carolina	16,359 38	11,374 99	1,170 00	28,904 37	3,007 62
Virginia	25,073 71	15,485 41	1,948 13	42,507 25	11,309 73
West Oklahoma	5,129 81	3,504 66	136 10	8,770 57	.....
West Texas	12,836 57	8,844 62	802 46	22,483 65	.....
Western North Carolina	23,477 30	16,170 67	719 84	40,367 81	2,808 73
Western Virginia	6,528 23	4,607 08	469 61	11,604 92	.....
Total	$ 506,335 97	$ 352,091 51	$ 21,977 52	$ 880,405 00	$ 105,448 00
School funds off	1,690 85	8,243 48	14,890 88	24,825 21	.....
	$504,645 12	$343,848 03	$ 7,086 64	$855,579 79	$105,448 00
Other Sources	24,652 76	30,117 64	2,150 98	56,921 38	.....
School funds	1,690 85	30,339 90	15,990 88	48,021 63	.....
Cash for Flood, Holding Inst.	.....	691 60	.....	691 60	.....
	$530,988 73	$404,997 17	$ 25,228 50	$ 961,214 40	$ 105,448 00

FOREIGN WORK

From Conferences		$ 504,645 12	
Other Sources; Interest	$ 17,661 29		
Lot sold (Anadarko)	58 00		
Record books, etc, sold	3,277 71		
Refunds	1,441 65		
Specials	2,214 11	24,652 76	$ 529,297 88

HOME WORK.

From Conferences		$ 343,848 03	
Other Sources: Bequest: Mr. Carlisle	$ 1,000 00		
Bequest: Mrs. C. A. Davis	1,000 00		
Bequest: Miss Margaret Lacy	1,000 00		
Interest	13,418 65		
Lot sold (Florida)	400 00		
Record books, etc, sold	3,286 61		
Refunds	7,275 77		
Rent	714 75		
Specials	2,021 86	30,117 64	373,965 67
School fees: Foreign Department			1,690 85
Home Department			30,339 90

Scarritt Funds.

From Conferences		$ 7,086 64	
Other Sources: Interest	$ 1,865 88		
Refund	285 10		
Scholarship	14,890 88		
Balance on North Arkansas Endowed Scholarship	1,100 00	18,141 86	25,228 50
Total receipts for regular work			$960,522 80
Cash received on account of Flood, Holding Institute			691 60

Centenary Receipts.

Foreign Work: Cash	$ 111,394 20	
Bonds	28,350 00	
Interest on bonds and daily balance	12,567 50	152,311 70
Home Work: Cash	$ 12,018 07	
Bonds	12,600 00	
Interest on bonds and daily balance	2,976 27	27,594 34
Total Centenary		$ 179,906 04

Christian Educational Campaign Fund.

Home Schools: Cash	$ 11,350 00	
Bonds	700 00	
Interest on bonds	52 80	
Scarrit: Cash	8,961 50	
Bonds	300 00	
Interest on bonds	18 40	21,382 70
Total receipts from all sources		$1,162,503 14
Invested funds collected: Foreign Work	$ 128,421 61	
Home Work	45,693 17	
Scarritt	415 88	174,530 66
Grand total		$1,337,033 80

DIVISION OF RECEIPTS.

Bequests	$ 3,000 00
Dues	349,640 38
Endowed Scholarship: Balance Neill, North Arkansas Conference	1,100 00
Interest	31,079 94
Life Memberships	1,806 00
Honorary Life Memberships	200 00
Pledge	440,889 95
Property Sold: Lot Anadarko—Foreign	58 00
Home	400 00
Record Books, etc. sold	6,564 32
Refunds	8,717 42
Rents	714 75
Retirement	13,229 96
Scarritt Funds	7,371 74
Scarritt Interest	1,865 88
Scarritt Scholarships	14,890 88
Specials	2,851 37
Week of Prayer: Balance, 1921	733 90
Week of Prayer, 1922	38,265 69
Woman's Medical College	3,524 96
Miscellaneous	1,586 91
School Funds	32,030 75
Total	$ 960,522 80

SUMMARY, 1922.

Foreign: Balance, 1921	$ 54,839 12	
Cash deposited in 1922	530,888 73	
Bonds from Conferences	100 00	
Notes and Savings Bank accounts collected	128,421 61	$ 714,249 46
Home Work: Balance from 1921 as per printed statement, 1921	$ 177,656 31	
Less amount that was Centenary	23,131 74	
	$ 154,524 57	
Cash deposited, 1922	404,733 47	
Interest Savings Bank	163 70	
Bonds for Virginia Johnson Home	100 00	
Notes and Savings Bank accounts collected	45,693 17	605,214 91
Scarritt Bible and Training School, balance 1921	$ 6,573 62	
Amount deposited, 1922	25,228 50	
Amount collected, Savings department	415 88	32,218 00
United Balance from 1921		121 56
Centenary: Foreign Work, balance from 1921, cash	$ 278,770 22	
Bonds	49,350 00	
Cash deposited, 1922, from Commission	111,394 20	
Cash deposited, account interest on bonds and daily balance	12,567 50	
Bonds received, 1922	28,350 00	480,431 92
Home Work: Balance 1921 cash as listed in report of 1921	$ 24,189 44	
Amount to be added (see regular)	23,131 74	
	47,321 18	
Bonds from 1921	25,500 00	
Cash deposited, 1922, from Commission	12,018 07	
Bonds received, 1922	12,600 00	
Cash deposited, 1922: Interest on bonds and daily balance	2,976 27	100,415 52
Educational Compaign Fund: Home balance from 1921	$ 5,551 82	
Bonds from 1921	550 00	
Cash deposited, 1922, from receipts	11,350 00	
Bonds received, 1922	700 00	
Cash deposited, 1922: Interest on bonds	52 80	18,204 62
Scarritt: Cash balance, 1921	$ 2,606 00	
Bonds from 1921	200 00	
Cash deposited, 1922, from receipts	8,961 50	
Bonds received, 1922	300 00	
Cash deposited, 1922: Interest on bonds	18 40	12,085 90
Total receipts, collections, and balance from 1921		$1,962,941 89
Amount returned by Educational Campaign Fund to Home, regular, for expense of Educational Campaign in 1920 and 1921		6,875 00
Amount returned by Scarritt Educational Campaign Fund to Scarritt, regular, for expense of Educational Campaign in 1920 and 1921		3,750 00
Total handled		$1,973,566 89
Less disbursements: Regular (see list)	$ 817,656 70	
Centenary (see list)	538,782 97	
Cost of Educational Campaign: Home schools	6,875 00	
Scarritt	3,750 00	1,367,064 67
Balance close of 1922		$ 606,502 22
Balance accounted for as follows:		
Foreign (regular)	$ 129,130 54	
Home (regular)	165,784 11	
Scarritt (regular)	13,923 32	
United (regular)	105 31	
Foreign Centenary: Cash	59,959 45	
Bonds	77,700 00	
Centenary Interest: Cash	13,428 69	
Scarritt Centenary: Cash	98,675 00	
Home Centenary: Cash	28,130 28	
Educational: Home schools, Brevard Institute, cash	3,027 00	
Bonds	750 00	
Interest on bonds	38 21	
Holding Institute, cash	2,178 00	
Bonds	150 00	
Interest on bonds	6 01	
Sue Bennett Memorial, cash	555 50	
Bonds	150 00	
Interest on bonds	6 39	
Vashti Industrial School, cash	4,260 00	
Bonds	200 00	
Interest on bonds	8 51	
Scarritt, cash	7,817 50	
Bonds	500 00	
Interest on bonds	18 40	$ 606,502 22

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1922.

Foreign Work.

Annuities		$ 1,967 50	
Missionaries on furlough		10,490 00	
Retirement (missionaries)		4,422 50	
Scarritt Bible and Training School appropriation		12,725 00	
Scarritt Scholarships		482 00	
Specialized Training		3,114 39	
Specials		3,455 50	
Sundries		539 81	
Travel of missionaries		9,630 96	
Funds invested (Liberty bond from Conference)		100 00	$ 46,927 66
Africa			839 27
Brazil: Maintenance		$ 83,123 26	
Repairs		2,000 00	
Specials		496 10	
		$ 85,619 36	
Less fees received		57,930 25	27,689 11
China: Building and furnishings		$ 29,635 42	
Maintenance		83,311 12	
Specials		1,298 00	
		$ 114,244 54	
Less fees received		9,654 48	
		$ 104,590 06	
Medical maintenance		5,317 67	
Medical specialized training		1,730 00	
Union work, Ginling College		1,350 00	
Union work, Nanking		400 00	
Total for China			113,387 73
Cuba: Maintenance		$ 22,777 20	
Less fees received		8,235 00	14,542 20
Japan: Buildings		$ 26,378 27	
Maintenance		31,666 93	
Specials		700 00	58,745 20
Korea: Maintenance		$ 70,898 77	
Specials		405 11	71,303 88
Mexico: Buildings and Repairs		$ 28,803 60	
Maintenance		72,748 07	
Student Volunteer work		2,355 34	
Transfer of property		1,835 00	
		$ 105,742 01	
Less fees received		27,766 75	77,975 26
Total for Foreign Work			$ 411,410 31

Home Work.

Annuities (interest)		$ 815 33	
City missions		7,802 90	
Deaconess expense and travel		4,696 34	
Furloughs (for workers)		1,080 00	
MacDonell Lectureship		1,356 52	
Retirement (home workers)		1,732 50	
Scarritt Bible and Training School appropriation		12,725 00	
Scholarships		325 20	
St. Louis Conference on account of money deposited for the Lead Belt Section, with interest		1,816 79	
Sundries		1,767 75	
Investments		$ 51,863 70	$ 85,982 03
Brevard Institute Maintenance		$ 13,667 58	
Fees returned		4,801 43	
Scholarships		1,208 77	
Specials		73 41	
Sundries		4,500 00	24,251 19
Conference Enterprises:			
Central Texas: Fort Worth	$ 1,000 00		
Thurber	1,691 00	2,691 00	
East Oklahoma: Hartshorne		2,050 00	
Holston: Coal Fields, West Virginia		1,680 00	
North Alabama: Birmingham		600 00	
North Mississippi		600 00	
Pacific: San Francisco		400 00	
Virginia: Ferrum	$ 500 00		
Scholarship	100 00	600 00	
West Texas: San Antonio		2,872 00	11,493 00

Gulf Coast Work:			
Biloxi, Miss.		$ 2,590 00	
Galveston, Tex.		1,900 00	
Houma, La, building	$ 6,473 17		
Maintenance	2,229 00		
Scholarships	759 00		
Specials	250 19	9,702 36	
New Orleans, building	$ 3,112 50		
Maintenance	4,580 00	7,692 50	$ 21,884 86
Holding Institute:			
Maintenance		$ 17,700 00	
Scholarships		882 05	
Special for playground		63 00	
Repairs on account of flood		5,000 00	
Amount returned of flood, contributed by friends		704 10	24,349 15
Macon: Door of Hope			1,700 00
Pacific Coast: Los Angeles, building		$ 1,800 00	
Maintenance		4,200 00	
Special		122 90	
Tax		400 00	6,522 90
San Francisco: Maintenance		$ 10,897 46	
Tax		329 65	11,227 11
Sue Bennett Memorial School:			
Equipment and repairs		$ 5,000 00	
Maintenance		14,688 55	
Scholarships		767 85	20,456 40
Vashti: Maintenance		$ 17,250 60	
Fees returned		9,965 45	
Scholarships		4,404 81	31,620 86
Virginia Johnson Home:			
Maintenance		$ 9,105 96	
Insurance		1,747 05	
Scholarships		180 00	
Special		1 25	11,034 26
Settlement Work:			
Rosa Valdes, Tampa, Fla.			
Maintenance		$ 4,422 06	
Paving		724 28	5,146 34
Ruth Hargrove Settlement and School: Key West, Fla.:			
Maintenance		$ 2,785 65	
Repairs, etc.		1,191 10	3,976 75
Wolff Settlement:			
Maintenance		$ 4,558 00	
Repairs		86 00	4,644 00
Negro Work:			
Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.		$ 1,591 64	
Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn.		2,763 64	
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.		8,537 07	
Public Health nurse in South Carolina		1,500 00	
Director of Negro work, Birmingham, Ala. (6 months)		450 00	14,842 35
Total Home Work			$ 279,131 20
Scarritt Bible and Training School:			
Maintenance		$ 6,768 17	
Annual Meeting of Board of Directors		461 72	
Scholarships		13,385 79	
Specials		244 00	
Bennett Scholarship returned		1,000 00	
Interest on same		185 00	$ 22,044 68
United funds:			
Tax on property at Junaluska			16 25
Administration of Fields and Home Base Cultivation:			
Contingent		$ 3,605 05	
Deficit on *Voice* and equipment		6,421 45	
Deficit on *Young Christian Worker*		1,500 00	
Equiping new offices		1,010 88	
Moving to offices		299 45	
Rent from September 25, 1922, to January 1, 1923		951 00	
Expense of Board Meeting		455 45	
Expense of By-Laws Committee		119 32	
Expense of Council		5,402 49	
Expense of Deaconess Committee		639 80	
Expense of Executive and Special Committees		1,976 29	
Expense of Exhibit, General Conference (Balance)		1,000 00	
Expense of Legislative Committee		1,012 87	
Expense of Memphis Meeting		5,100 57	
Expense of Student Secretaries		3,250 00	
Expense of Summer Conferences		800 00	
Expense of janitor		231 00	
Literature (annual reports, leaflets, etc.)		21,385 85	
Mailing literature		2.370 26	
Mite boxes		527 64	
Office Expense, travel, etc		9,364 34	
Salaries: Officers		22,600 00	
Clerical help		11,382 17	
Sundry items, Home Base, etc.		1,848 38	
Superintendents: Young People, Juniors and Social Service		1,800 00	105,054 26
Total disbursements (regular)			$ 817,656 70

CENTENARY DISBURSEMENTS.

Foreign Work.

Africa: Maintenance and travel	$ 2,160 74	
Outfit for two missionaries	700 00	$ 2,860 74
Brazil: Building and equipment	$ 60,981 56	
Maintenance	19,183 55	
Outfit for four missionaries	1,000 00	81,165 11
China: Maintenance	$ 14,350 53	
Outfit for two missionaries	500 00	14,850 53
Cuba: Building and equipment	$ 45,176 50	
Maintenance	8,127 09	
Oufit for one missionary	250 00	53,553 59
Japan: Building and equipment	$ 53,621 73	
Maintenance	14,810 17	
Outfit for one missionary	250 00	68,681 90
Korea: Building and equipment	$ 22,745 00	
Maintenance	25,993 30	
Outfit for two missionaries	500 00	49,238 30
Mexico: Building and equipment	$ 38,281 00	
Maintenance	37,437 77	
Outfit for three missionaries	750 00	76,468 77
Ginding College, China (increase in maintenance)		562 50
Medical Work, China (increase in maintenance)		720 00
Missionaries on furlough (increase in salaries)		2,257 50
Total Foreign Work		$ 350,358 94

Home Work.

Bible Teachers: Denton C. I. A. salary	$ 1,400 00	
University of Oklahoma, salary	1,400 00	$ 2,800 00
Biloxi, Miss.: Increase in maintenance		860 00
Bluefield, W. Va.: Building and equipment	$ 7,000 00	
Increase in maintenance	1,390 00	8,390 00
Brevard Institute: Building and equipment	$ 28,298 89	
Increase in maintenance	1,116 17	29,415 06
City Missions: Increase over 1918		3,052 87
Conference Claims		200 00
Galveston, increase		200 00
Holding Institute		3,625 51
Homer Toberman Clinic, Los Angeles		800 00
Houma, La., French work		1,977 02
Macon: Door of Hope		1,870 00
Pacific work		2,995 00
Rosa Valdes		88 14
San Antonio, building		14,000 00
St. Marks Hall, New Orleans: Buildings	$ 54,386 76	
Maintenance	440 00	54,826 76
Sue Bennett Memorial: Increase in maintenance		7,474 78
Vashti Industrial School: Building and equipment		31,410 54
Virginia Johnson Home, Dallas: Increase		3,745 29
Wolff Settlement: Increase		595 92
		$ 168,326 89
Negro Work:		
Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn., building	$ 15,097 14	
Interracial Commission	5,000 00	20,097 14
Total Home Work		$ 188,424 03
Total Centenary disbursements		$ 538,782 97

RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENTS FOR 1922.

Conferences.	Adults.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Baby Division.	Total.
Alabama	$ 28,591 76	$ 2,176 16	$ 2,663 41	$ 864 04	$ 34,295 37
Arizona	383 89	.....	1 00	50	385 39
Baltimore	27,149 14	5,234 67	2,293 12	428 55	35,105 48
Brazil	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Brazil, Central	4 30	.....	.....	.....	4 30
Brazil, South	8 35	.....	.....	.....	8 35
Central Texas	26,032 53	1,081 92	642 40	58 44	27,815 29
China Mission	52 35	.....	.....	.....	52 35
Cuba	30 58	.....	.....	.....	30 58
Denver	734 97	59 75	25 26	5 63	825 61
East Oklahoma	11,697 00	517 75	425 91	142 86	12,783 52
Florida	21,454 26	840 20	903 28	379 66	23,577 40
Holston	26,373 05	3,167 37	1,714 73	648 56	31,903 71
Illinois	573 89	18 14	9 00	.....	601 03
Kentucky	15,779 45	2,436 49	1,069 77	164 60	19,450 31
Little Rock	20,661 99	1,728 12	1,588 55	161 45	24,140 11
Los Angeles	3,363 41	63 91	130 75	62 51	3,620 58
Louisiana	22,466 94	657 27	689 93	25 95	23,840 09
Louisville	19,144 80	2,384 71	951 10	109 59	22,590 20
Memphis	23,817 96	2,272 16	2,972 27	381 79	29,444 18
Mexico	26 76	.....	.....	.....	26 76
Mississippi	16,076 33	654 48	714 24	55 18	17,500 23
Missouri	9,612 96	693 05	315 78	78 21	10,700 00
New Mexico	5,092 64	218 89	134 58	51 08	5,497 19
North Alabama	31,525 75	1,465 04	1,593 12	177 55	34,761 44
North Arkansas	18,811 54	833 47	796 04	82 75	20,523 80
North Carolina	36,765 03	2,828 74	5,231 65	482 64	45,308 06
North Georgia	45,402 06	4,765 37	5,102 48	1,263 80	56,533 71
North Mississippi	22,112 09	1,383 89	2,174 13	197 03	25,867 14
North Texas	26,724 45	1,001 12	649 57	356 95	28,732 09
Northwest	823 76	.....	85 90	8 54	918 20
Northwest Texas	15,864 78	738 64	654 85	75 07	17,333 34
Pacific	3,177 86	117 80	143 10	1 00	3,439 76
South Carolina	21,609 47	1,004 53	1,236 78	106 83	23,957 61
South Georgia	55,089 64	845 28	1,730 13	297 17	57,962 22
Southwest Missouri	14,311 72	945 67	692 43	54 18	16,004 00
St. Louis	10,693 07	1,293 16	289 85	37 97	12,314 05
Tennessee	25,193 74	2,402 26	1,741 92	508 85	29,846 77
Texas	24,912 65	1,326 23	1,358 59	453 74	28,046 21
Upper South Carolina	25,168 01	1,735 98	1,799 38	201 00	28,904 37
Virginia	36,379 27	4,511 11	1,409 35	207 52	42,507 25
West Oklahoma	8,082 74	446 33	223 66	17 84	8,770 57
West Texas	20,762 37	889 38	661 07	170 83	22,483 65
Western North Carolina	34,229 62	3,104 95	2,844 73	188 51	40,367 81
Western Virginia	9,097 83	1,728 98	677 07	101 04	11,604 92
Total	$ 765,886 76	$ 57,572 95	$ 48,335 88	$ 8,609 41	$ 880,405 00
Total for 1921	761,722 04	66,089 82	51,252 54	8,559 02	887,623 42
	$ 4,164 72	*$ 8,516 87	*$ 2,916 66	$ 50 39	*$ 7,218 42

*Deficit.

Increase: Adults	$ 4,164 72	
Babies	50 39	
	$ 4,215 11	
Decrease: Young People		$ 8,516 87
Juniors		2,916 66
		$ 11,433 53
Less increase of Adults and Babies		4,215 11
Total deficit		$ 7,218 42

NET COST.

Cost of Administration of Fields and Home Cultivation		$ 105,054 26
Less sale of record books, etc.	$6,555 74	
Less refunds	530 40	7,086 14
Net Cost (which is less than 8½% of receipts)		$ 97,968 12

PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

Foreign.

Africa	$ 2,000 00	
Brazil	733,300 00	
China	855,780 00	
Cuba	295,700 00	
Japan	193,960 00	
Korea	244,132 00	
Mexico	604,500 00	$2,929,372 00

Home.

Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga., buildings and equipment	$ 7,550 00	
Bethlehem House property, Nashville, Tenn.	50,000 00	
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., buildings and equipment	175,000 00	
Dinuba, Cal., church and property	7,000 00	
Door of Hope, Macon, Ga., buildings and equipment	12,000 00	
Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.	210,000 00	
Homer Toberman Clinic and Settlement, Los Angeles, Cal.	130,000 00	
Japanese Work, Oakland, Cal.	5,000 00	
Keener Cottage, Seashore Camp Ground, Miss., buildings and equipment	4,000 00	
MacDonell-Wesley Community House, Houma, La., buildings and equipment	50,000 00	
Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal.	200,000 00	
Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal.	20,000 00	
Methodist Dormitory, Denton, Tex.	60,000 00	
Methodist Dormitory, Norman, Okla.	125,000 00	
Lots in Florida	1,500 00	
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga., buildings and equipment	60,000 00	
Rosa Valdes Settlement, Tampa, Fla., buildings and equipment	38,000 00	
Ruth Hargrove Settlement, Key West, Fla., buildings and equipment	8,250 00	
St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La., buildings and equipment	150,000 00	
Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.	250,000 00	
Tucker Cottage, Nashville, Tenn.	3,000 00	
Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga., buildings and equipment	150,000 00	
Virginia Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.	125,000 00	
Wesley Community House, Biloxi, Miss., buildings and equipment	12,000 00	
Wesley Community House, San Francisco, Cal.	80,000 00	
Wesley Community House, West Virginia Coal Fields, buildings and equipment	10,000 00	
Wolff Settlement, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla., buildings and equipment	15,000 00	1,958,300 00
United Scarritt Bible and Training School		150,000 00
Total		$5,037,672 00

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

	Foreign Work.	Home Work.	City Missions.
1878-79	$ 4,014 27	.....	.....
1879-80	13,775 97	.....	.....
1880-81	19,362 10	.....	.....
1881-82	25,609 44	.....	.....
1882-83	29,647 31	.....	.....
1883-84	38,873 52	.....	.....
1884-85	52,652 12	.....	.....
1885-86	51,588 76	.....	.....
1886-87	50,092 63	$ 261 55	.....
1887-88	69,729 65	3,837 51	.....
1888-89	68,165 34	4,258 40	.....
1889-90	75,476 54	2,954 88	.....
1890-91	85,969 44	3,046 83	.....
1891-92	66,448 59	3,727 51	.....
1892-93	71,199 12	4,628 20	.....
1893-94	66,377 90	4,995 37	.....
1894-95	63,951 98	8,457 87	.....
1895-96	74,403 16	17,533 79	.....
1896-97	82,880 47	15,346 11	.....
1897-98	86,418 76	18,896 43	.....
1898-99	83,587 07	31,566 82	.....
			Cash.
1899-1900	94,638 55	33,914 04	$ 5,400 92
Twentieth-century offering	2,426 39		
1900-01	82,674 22	48,249 17	6,237 76
Twentieth-century offering	36,135 45		Voucher.
1901-02	104,017 97	46,197 27	4,186 12
1902-03	112,458 78	51,799 56	6,105 50
1903-04	132,143 37	59,414 98	11,110 23
1904-05	146,151 51	74,574 31	19,585 64
1905-06	155,951 10	79,975 74	21,587 57
1906-07	174,597 82	100,996 65	22,985 27
1907-08	226,192 88	118,044 64	29,864 98
1908-09	235,440 97	127,093 97	40,724 53
Sale of property	23,737 31		
1909-10	254,554 75	139,799 19	42,770 68
Sale of property	10,007 71		
1910-11	274,355 17	151,209 39	54,303 06
Sale of property	5,797 90		
1911	244,952 44	141,587 41	46,851 33
1912	292,206 14	181,461 42	59,677 45
Sale of property	1,617 81		
1913	282,684 75	198,277 11	69,596 19
1914	277,569 09	186,747 68	81,160 91
1915	292,629 61	199,384 26	76,584 95
1916	318,395 94	212,314 75	69,540 54
1917	350,545 95	225,581 62	76,687 12
1918	409,968 25	263,896 07	81,418 77
1919	481,114 52	386,052 13	88,906 92
1920	556,342 56	400,292 31	98,420 67
1921	544,738 16	402,749 68	135,500 76
1922	529,547 08	397,029 80	105,448 00
1916-1917-1918, Other Funds	309 17	309 18	.....
Centenary, 1920	498,511 35	174,583 12	.....
Centenary, 1921	479,490 31	164,501 94	.....
Centenary, 1922	152,311 70	27,594 34	.....
	$8,964,440 82	$4,713,143 00	$1,254,655 87

SCARRITT FUNDS.

Balance on hand from 1915	$ 2,025 40
Amount received in 1916	7,028 12
1917	7,256 53
1918	6,206 98
1919	12,992 45
1920	16,791 38
1921	27,095 55
1922	25,228 50
	$ 104,624 91

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

1921: Home schools	$ 6,101 82
1922: Home schools	12,102 80
1921: Scarritt	2,806 00
1922: Scarritt	9,279 90
	$ 30,290 52

Great grand total cash	$13,812,499 25
Vouchers	$ 1,254,655 87

Respectfully submitted. MRS. F. H. E. ROSS, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer Women's Work, Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Madam: Pursuant to engagement, we have made an examination of the cash and cash item receipts and disbursements through your office for the fiscal year of 1922 and submit herewith our report thereon.

Total receipts from all sources, as shown by the books, were $1,347,658.80; and total disbursements as verified by the canceled checks paid by the banks and supported by orders of Administrative Secretaries, amounted to $1,367,064.67. The disbursements exceeded the receipts $19,405.87, which reduced the opening balance of January 1, 1922, of $625,908.09 to the closing balance of December 31, 1922, of $606,502.22. This balance is accounted for by cash on deposit of $527,052.22 and Liberty Bonds of $79,450 carried as cash, as detailed on Schedule A.

Investments on hand, consisting of notes and bonds, amounting to $485,200 were examined and listed and checked against the ledger account, and found to be in agreement with the books, as per Schedule B. Accounts with the banks were reconciled with the statements furnished by the banks. Included in the amount on deposit with the Fourth and First National Bank are certificates of deposit amounting to $20,000.

All receipts and disbursements as shown by the records as well as investments and cash funds were found properly accounted for. In conclusion we wish to thank you for again intrusting this work to our care.

Respectfully submitted, HOMER K. JONES & CO., *Certified Public Accountants.*

Nashville, Tenn., March 10, 1922.

SCHEDULE A.

Summary of Receipts and Disbursements For 1922 Fiscal Year and Cash Balances.

Balance January 1, 1922: Cash in banks		$ 550,308 09	
Liberty bonds as cash		75,600 00	
			$ 625,908 09
Receipts:			
Regular Funds		$ 960,522 80	
Centenary Funds		179,906 04	
Educational Funds		21,382 70	
Holding Institute Flood Fund		691 60	
		$1,162,503 14	
Maturing bonds and notes collected		174,530 66	
Accounts refunded by Educational Department for cost of 1920 and 1921 Campaign, advanced		10,625 00	
Total receipts			1,347,658 80
			$1,973,566 89
Disbursements:			
Current for year		$1,356,439 67	
Educational Campaign, as above		10,625 00	
Total Disbursements			1,367,064 67
Balance December 31, 1922			$ 606,502 22
Balance accounted for as follows:			
Fourth and First National Bank: Regular	$308,943 28		
Educational	17,915 52		
	$326,858 80		
Centenary, Foreign and Scarritt	172,063 14		
		$ 498,921 94	
American National Bank, Home		28,130 28	
Total cash on deposit		527,052 22	
Liberty Bonds Centenary Foreign	77,700 00		
Educational	1,750 00		
		79,450 00	
Balance as above			$ 606,502 22

CANDIDATE WORK.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, SECRETARY.

The year 1922 was the best in the history of the Candidate Department of the Board of Missions and of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Your Secretary has dealt with prospective and enrolled student volunteers and candidates for home missionary work, also with a large number of young women desiring work in the local Church. The correspondence touched upon their personal problems, their purpose, and their preparation.

There is a changed attitude toward volunteering upon the part of many strong young women who are thinking of missionary service at home and abroad. There is danger lest the sacrificial element be left out of the missionary motive. Care must be taken lest young women regard lightly the responsibility of becoming an evangel of the gospel of Jesus Christ in a foreign field or among disadvantaged, undeveloped people in the homeland. Missionary service is very different from Church work, and discrimination must be used lest young people shall be sent to the field without that passion for service which will make them endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

A large number of young people come out of college with a desire for unselfish service. They would like some form of Church work. Many have asked for student work. This desire on their part, with the requests that have come from State institutions for Christian workers, leads us to believe that in the near future we will have many opportunities of placing student workers in Church and State schools to supervise the college activities of young people and direct their religious life.

When we know the large number of Methodist young people in State institutions without direct religious influence during college life, we realize the responsibility resting upon the Board of Missions to provide student pastors, student workers, and Bible teachers, that these young people may be prepared for service in the Church after college.

At the request of the President of the Normal School at Durant, Okla., and the Corresponding Secretary of the East Oklahoma Conference, Miss Lois Hatcher, a graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was placed in the Normal for the summer school. Her work was most satisfactory, and she was asked to accept the position for the winter terms.

The problem of helping the out-of-college volunteer to keep her religious and missionary fires burning is one that offers a great field for study. Too many of our strongest volunteers are lost to the Board so far as missionary service is concerned. Many come out of college with a debt. They engage in secular work, they become identified with local interests, and are weaned from their purpose to become missionaries. Many are not able to finish college and take other lines of work because of larger remuneration. Many are detained by family obligations. We believe detained volunteers will put missionary passion in Church work, but we deplore the loss in service on the field when the need for reënforcements is so great.

A large number of volunteers was reported by the Student Volunteer Movement during 1922. Many of these young women had been reported by the Student Secretaries, and many had been interviewed by your Secretary at summer conferences.

A fine work has been done by the Student Secretaries. They will make their own reports, so detailed mention will not be made here of the work which they have done.

Letters from faculty members and from students express cordial approval of them and of the work which they are doing in the colleges.

Candidates Accepted by the Committee on Candidates of the Council.

Fifty-seven young women were accepted by the Candidates Committee during the year 1922. Thirty-five of these young women entered the Training School. Three young women, after having been accepted and provided with a scholarship, failed to enter the Training School. One was prevented by illness, one for family reasons, one decided to go to the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago.

Three young women who met the requirements of the Board were accepted by the Candidates Committee and sailed during the year. Two were accepted as home missionaries. A number of contract teachers were accepted by the committee and sent to the field to meet emergencies. Six young women were accepted as indorsed workers and listed in the offices of the Home Secretaries.

A report of the meetings of the Candidates Committee will be presented by the Secretary, so further details are not necessary here. A large number of home and foreign missionaries and deaconesses will be presented for consecration.

A Comprehensive Program of Missionary Training for the Whole Church.

At the request of the President of the Training School, a committee was appointed by the Executive Committee of the Council and of the Board of Missions to outline a program of missionary training to be presented to the Council and to the Board of Missions. This committee held a meeting in December, 1922. Bishop Mouzon was elected chairman. Your Secretary was made secretary. (See report of special Committee on Missionary Training.)

Student Fellowship for Christian Life Service as a Vocation.

There has been a growing interest in the Student Fellowship. A group of strong students interested in work in the home field and representatives of several large mission boards met at the University of Illinois in December, 1922.

Plans for the development of the fellowship were made with enthusiasm, and those who were present felt that a beginning was made in what

promised to be an influential movement among students for service in the home field.

A larger number of young women in college are interested in home missionary work than in other years. A larger number of volunteers for home work has been reported by the Student Secretaries.

A meeting of the Student Fellowship will be held in Atlanta during April. It is hoped in this meeting to develop an interest in the Fellowship in Southern schools and colleges.

At a recent meeting of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions, a Committee on Standardization was appointed to standardize opportunities for service in the home field. Your Secretary is a member of this committee.

Interdenominational Work.

Your Secretary is a member of the Executive Committee of the Student Volunteer Movement, the North American Student Council, the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference, and of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Conclusion.

A year of the new quadrennium has passed. Your Secretary has a new comprehension of the vast and intricate problems of the missionary work of to-day, a deepened belief in the power of Christ to meet every human need, and a quickened sense of obligation to help the students of our denomination serve their generation by the will of God.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, SECRETARY.

In the reorganization of the Board of Missions following the General Conference of 1922, missionary education was included in the section of Home Cultivation, as it is one of the most important factors in developing a missionary spirit in the Church.

Your Candidate Secretary was given charge of the promotion of this line of work, as it was not deemed advisable at that time to employ a full-time secretary. The growth of the work and the increasing demand for service in training schools, summer conferences, and schools of missions would make it eminently desirable to employ an expert in religious education to direct the work in this department.

The need for a correspondence course of study becomes more urgent with the deepening interest of the women in missionary education.

As the women in the Conferences have coöperated in the Standard Training Schools conducted by the Sunday School Board, they have become eager for credit work in the mission study and Bible study classes in the local Church. Many letters have been received asking for the basis of credit, that the level of work in the Church may be lifted to that of the Standard School of Missions. Several of the Conference Superintendents

have established a credit system and are issuing certificates for work which meets the standard.

Conference training schools which are being conducted by the Home Department of the Board of Missions will greatly increase the efficiency of the women in the local Church.

Courses in Woman's Work and on Methods of Auxiliary Work will be put on in these training schools. These schools should be attended by large numbers of women and girls.

Graded Literature.

There are elementary books and books of stories for women in rural communities and for women in small Churches.

Books of higher grade have been prepared for women who have had several years of mission study and who are interested in the problems of the day.

Maps, pageants, picture sheets have been prepared and will add greatly to the interest of the study books.

Courses Recommended for 1923-24.

The theme for the year 1923-24 is: Foreign, "Japan." Home: "Saving America through her Boys and Girls."

The following books are recommended for study:

"Creative Forces in Japan." Galen Fisher.

"The Woman and the Leaven in Japan." Charlotte DeForrest.

"Japan on the Upward Trail." William Axling.

"Young Japan." Mabel Gardner Kerschner.

"The Debt Eternal." John H. Finley.

"The Child and America's Future." Jay Stowell.

Juniors.

"The Honorable Japanese Fan." Margaret Applegate.

For Teachers and Leaders of Junior Groups.

"Better Americans," by Joyce C. Manuel. A departure from the previous junior missionary books in that it is intended for the use of leaders only and will contain stories and suggestions to teachers for related programs of worship, study, dramatization, and service. The general aim of the course will be to develop in boys and girls standards of thinking and acting which will lay a foundation for Christian citizenship. Some of the lesson topics are: What makes this a good country for children, love of beauty, justice, respect for law, coöperation, reverence, loyalty.

For Students.

"For a New America." By Coe Hayne.

This book presents vividly and within brief compass a picture of the home mission enterprise as a whole, showing especially the vocational opportunities that are offered by home missions to-day.

For Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

A book of missionary material especially suited for Vacation Schools.

Mission Study.

The report for the year is most gratifying.

The total number of classes reported by Conference Superintendents, 6,012, an increase of 756 over 1921:

	1922.	1921.
Adult	3,678	3,200
Young People and College Girls	909	826
Juniors	1,435	1,230

Conferences leading in mission study as reported by Superintendents: North Alabama, North Georgia, Alabama.

Total number of classes reported by enrollment cards, 2,511, an increase of 225 over 1921.

Conferences leading in mission study as reported by enrollment cards: Little Rock, North Georgia; tied, North Arkansas and Central Texas.

The leading books for the year were: "The Kingdom and the Nations," and "Building with India." "Playing Square with To-morrow," "Under Many Flags."

There has been a gratifying use of the books on the Negro. The enrollment cards received during the fourth quarter revealed that 198 classes studied this problem. The records at the Publishing House, January 15, showed that 6,661 books had been sold.

You will be interested to know that the sale of these books has equalled, if not exceeded, the sale of any home mission book during the last decade. The Missionary Education Movement reports the following sales for 1922: "Trend of the Races," 58,924; "In the Vanguard of a Race," 31,439.

Lamar & Barton report the sale of 2,398 copies of "Handicapped Winners," February 1, and 657 copies of the Leader's Helps.

Conference leading in the study of the books on the Negro as reported by enrollment cards: Little Rock, North Georgia, Tennessee.

Bible Study.

Total number of classes reported by Conference Superintendents, 4,651, an increase of 777 over 1921.

	1922.	1921.
Adult	3,928	3,278
Young People	715	596
Juniors	8	...

Conferences leading in Bible study: North Alabama, North Georgia; tied, Central Texas and North Arkansas.

Standard School of Missions.

The second Standard School of Missions was held at Lake Junaluska the first week in August, 1922. The total enrollment was 101; 67 enrolled

for credit, and 46 received certificates. Seventeen of this number received two certificates. A large number attended the classes as auditors.

A large number of missionaries and student volunteers added to the interest of the meeting.

The classes were held in the new Mission Building. The meeting was most successful. A fine fellowship added to the spirit of enthusiasm in the calssroom work and made this a notable occasion. We believe that such schools will meet a long-felt need in the Church and will enable women to have the training which will prepare them for leadership in Church work. Your Secretary taught a course on Stewardship in this school.

Coöperation in Training Work.

A fine piece of coöperative work has been done by the Board of Missions and the Sunday School Board.

Missionary courses have been included in twenty-six Standard Training Schools. Teachers for these courses have been provided by the Board of Missions. We cannot measure the results of work that is being done in these schools. We have no greater opportunity than that afforded by the inclusion of missions in the content courses in the curriculum of these Standard Training Schools.

Summer Schools for Training Christian Leaders.

Six training schools for city and rural pastors were conducted by the Home Department of the Board of Missions during 1922.

Your Secretary taught a course on Woman's Work at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., June, 1922. A large number of pastors enrolled in the class and studied the Woman's Work at home and abroad. The study resulted in a more sympathetic interest in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Summer Conferences.

The summer conferences in 1922 were attended by an unusually large number of young women and were marked by a spirit of earnestness and enthusiasm. Your Secretary attended the Y. W. C. A. Student Conference at Blue Ridge and Montreat, N. C. Miss Otie Branstetter attended the conference at Montreat and Estes Park, Col. Denominational rallies were held and opportunities for service in home and foreign fields were presented to students.

There was a larger emphasis upon the Church and an appeal for loyalty to the Church in these conferences.

Fine conferences were held at Glen Rose, Tex.; Indian Springs, Ga; Kavanaugh Camp, Ky.; Henderson-Brown College, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Galloway College, Searcy, Ark.; and in the Memphis and Northwest Texas Conferences. Certificates were given at Glen Rose and Indian Springs to those who met the standard in mission study and in Bible study and who attended the platform hour.

Epworth League Conferences.

The missionary work of the Church was presented at a majority of the conferences conducted by the Epworth League Board. The Woman's Missionary Council was represented by Miss Mary McDaniel, Miss Christine Stout, Miss Sadie Wilson, Deaconess Grace Gatewood and Deaconess Minnie Webb.

The conferences were attended by large groups of young people and many volunteers were reported in the office.

Schools of Missions.

Reports from the schools of missions in Chambersburg, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Deland, Fla.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; Houston, Tex.; Dallas, Tex.; New Orleans, La.; Los Angeles, Cal., show a large attendance and enthusiasm for work.

A school of missions for Negroes has been established in Dallas, Tex. The first session was held in September, 1922. The meeting was most successful. Miss Estelle Haskin taught in this school. A beginning has been made in what promises to be a most important work. Such schools and the schools for Negro pastors conducted by the Home Department of the Board of Missions will afford the opportunity which Negroes need for developing a trained leadership.

Home Base Committee.

Under the new Constitution of the Board of Missions each Department and section of the Board is furnished with a standing committee, which serves as a clearing house for plans and policies for promoting the work.

The Cultivation and Candidate sections of the Board function through the Home Base Committee.

The Cultivation and Candidate Secretaries are not members of the committee but have the privilege of sitting in the meetings. They have a voice, but no vote. The Home Base Committee held two meetings during the year. An effort was made to coördinate the cultivation program of the Board of Missions with that of the Sunday School and the Epworth League Boards, thus avoiding duplication of effort and confusion. Provision was made for subcommittees to take under consideration lines of work in which the three boards are interested and suggest plans for correlating the work for which they are responsible.

The report of the Home Base Committee contains strong recommendations for mission study in the Church among laymen, as in the woman's missionary societies. We believe that through the Cultivation section of the Board and the Board of Lay Activities, a systematic program of missionary education will be put on in the Church and will create a new enthusiasm for the missionary enterprise, and a greater loyalty and devotion to the work of the Church.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence in the office has been unusually heavy. As the scope of the work broadens and the interest deepens the number of letters increase. The fellowship with the women who are doing the work relieves the routine of office work and furnishes the inspiration for the task.

STUDENT SECRETARY IN DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

OTIE BRANSTETTER.

The second year as your Student Secretary has been fuller and richer in religious experiences and opportunities to serve than the first. It is impossible for me to estimate the value of going back into the colleges the second year.

Two very encouraging elements in the thinking of the students have been met this year which I recognized in only a negligible degree last year. First, there is a clearer realization that full-time Christian work is a magnificent undertaking that demands real Christian womanhood and manhood behind it. Consequently this question most naturally arises: Am I capable of being a missionary? Are the requisites for a full-time worker found in me? Second, there is a growing consciousness that one's missionary career begins with her decision to make the evangelization of a bit of the world her vocation. This foreshadows a vitality in the Christian life on the campus and a development of the volunteer not known before.

My work has not consisted exclusively of the regular college visitation and summer conference work this year. Several other opportunities to present the work of the Student Secretary have come to me. I had the privilege of representing you at the Arkansas State Volunteer Conference in February. These students came from the various colleges in Arkansas, and for two days sought to forget geography and to enter into the spirit of a world brotherhood with Christ as their leader.

Just before the holidays Mr. C. G. Hounshell held a series of evangelistic services at Greensboro College in North Carolina. He asked me to assist him by holding prayer groups and directing the personal work among the girls. That will always be an outstanding week in my life. The students accepted the Christ life in all its glory. After this meeting ninety per cent of the student body declared it was their purpose to keep a devotional period each day. Thirty-five students and two faculty members met with the Life Service Band a few days after the services closed to consider giving themselves wholly to Christian work.

I was very happy to be invited to attend the annual meetings of the Alabama and Memphis Conferences, as this was not only an opportunity to meet the mothers and acquaint them with the work you are doing for their girls in the colleges and the Young Peoples' response to it, but it also gave me contact with the delegates from Young Peoples' Missionary Societies of the Conferences.

The ministerial alliance in Norman, the Young Men's Christian Associa-

tion, and the Young Women's Christian Association of the University of Oklahoma put on a Life Service Conference, inviting representatives from the various Church boards to be present and speak to the students of their own denomination. Dr. R. H. Bennett and I were sent to represent our Church. The Methodist Episcopal, the Southern Presbyterian, the Christian Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, sent speakers to this conference. Next year they hope to begin planning for this conference in time to have Secretaries from all the Churches represented in the student body present. In a university where there are several thousand young men and women, a campus-wide program is a most effective way of making the missionary challenge and the great world hunger for evangelization felt in the student body.

The following statistical report is quite inadequate and even misleading in some ways. Just as it is impossible to estimate how speedily the kingdom is coming, so it is impossible to accurately calculate the results of work such as a Student Secretary does. A number of students not reported as home or foreign volunteers will do some kind of definite work, but had not signed a Life Service card when they talked with me.

I believe the darkness shall break like morning and the morning into noonday brightness when you and I shall join these students in living God-controlled lives.

Number of States visited	14
Number of State schools visited	3
Number of denominational schools visited	42
Number of preparatory schools visited	4
Number of junior colleges visited	17
Number of senior colleges visited	24
Number of mission schools visited	5
Number of public appeals made before students	135
Personal conferences with individual students	782
Number of students interviewed planning to do home work	144
Number of students interviewed planning to do foreign work	175
Number of summer conferences visited	9
Number of Epworth League Conferences attended	5
Number of missionary conferences attended	2
Number of Y. W. C. A. Conferences attended	2
Mission Study classes taught in summer conferences	6
Bible study classes taught in summer conferences	2
Interviews with young people in conferences	33

STUDENT SECRETARY.

OSCIE ALICE SANDERS.

Work and summer conferences came in June. These conferences brought new experience—experience in teaching, in making adjustments,

in definite responsibilities, in loving, and in serving. They were inspirational, with inspiration which comes from meeting and knowing world citizens, from contact with young men and women, and from helping these young people to know themselves and to find God's plan for their lives.

In August a questionnaire was prepared and sent to all the State universities and colleges of the South. The purpose of this questionnaire was to ascertain the number of Methodist girls in these schools. Eighty-five questionnaires went out, forty-one came back. The majority of these were complete. However, some were referred to campus organizations, and a few were marked "No information." During the academic year, 1921–22, there were 29,831 girls in thirty-eight State schools, and 8,705 were Methodist, more than 29 per cent.

This year the work in State schools with Methodist girls has been of a pioneer nature. In many cases it was the first contact. With one exception, the Secretary has had no difficulty in making these contacts. The Presidents and deans have been cordial, the Y. W. C. A. Secretaries and Presidents have shown a willingness to coöperate; the volunteers have been eager for information, and the nonvolunteers, if not always enthusiastic, have been at least politely interested and most tolerant.

The opportunities for student work in State schools are unlimited. Service there is a joy and a privilege. The results cannot be measured in figures, although the following are submitted:

Conferences: Summer	5
Student	3
Schools: Normals and Teachers' Colleges	16
Universities and Colleges	18
State	9
Interviews: Life Service Volunteers	34
Student Volunteers	51
Interested	67

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

SARA ESTELLE HASKIN, SECRETARY.

At the beginning of this quadrennium, for the first time in the history of our work, adjustments were made so that the Secretary in Charge of Literature now has an opportunity to create a real department of literature. Heretofore she has been responsible for the free literature, while the making of the stock and its output was in the hands of another Secretary. With the present arrangement, it is possible to really know the demand and create the supply with some degree of intelligence.

In view of this new opportunity, we are giving diligent attention to the task of furnishing a stock of literature which we hope will greatly add to missionary intelligence and missionary interest. Much of this supply we are selling for an amount sufficient to cover the cost; the creation of a large

stock of this kind must necessarily be slow, because of the initial expense. As the amount increases, it means a larger development of the mailing department. During the rush season, this department has handled as many as four hundred letters daily. If these letters contained simple orders that could be filled directly from the stock, it would be a much easier matter. However, some call for articles that we do not have in stock; this involves a reply. Some request supplies that are in the stock at the Publishing House; this involves communicating with the proper person there. While others desire material not yet from the press; this means a reply and filing the order. In addition to the careful attention that must be given to these numerous daily orders, bills must be made, filed, and mailed at the proper time. Owing to the fact that the amounts of money received are so small, the labor of this department is greatly increased. As an illustration, at the close of one week there was in the office one hundred dollars' worth of one-and two-cent stamps to be counted and disposed of. When the mails are heavy, it requires the work of five people to fill the daily orders that come from individuals. In addition to this, there is the making of labels and the supervision of the quarterly literature mailed by the Service Department of the Board of Missions. The Service Department attends to all of the wrapping of packages and the stamping and weighing of envelopes. This in itself is a large item of service. The stamps, wrapping material, and service furnished by this department during the last quarter, 1922, amounted to $819.92. The number of packages handled during this period totaled 4,910; however, these were slack months, as the number for January, 1923, alone amounted to 4,214.

In September, 1922, Miss Ellasue Wagner was placed in charge of the Literature Depository. Since this work requires a woman acquainted with the Council enterprises and its organization, also one who has ability to handle innumerable details, Miss Wagner is eminently fitted for this place.

Leaflet Literature.

During 1922 the entire output of leaflet literature amounted to 1,675,700 pieces; this included yearbooks, monthly program leaflets, and Week of Prayer, material for new societies, and organization literature.

The 1923 adult yearbook, the preparation of which was a part of the work of 1922, was issued with the hope that it might carry to the women in our auxiliaries a real message from Miss Bennett, our peerless leader. Her picture, the poem, "Greatheart" adapted and dedicated to her, and lines from her own pen, all were intended to inspire the women to follow still her undying leadership.

The 1923 young peoples' yearbook carries the caption, "The Hero Book," each of the twelve programs presenting two great missionary leaders, besides including the special feature of a hero contest. The plan outlined provides for the division of the auxiliaries, twice during the year, into six circles, each circle to be responsible for one monthly program. At the end of each period of six months, it is suggested that the young people conduct an election by ballot, the ballot being included in the yearbooks.

The two heroes which win are to be placed in the imaginary hall of fame. Each auxiliary, after casting its votes, is to send the name of the winning hero to its Conference Superintendent of Young People, and the Conference Superintendent, in turn, sends the name of the winning hero in her Conference to the Council Superintendent of Young People.

The preparation of the junior yearbook carries two topics: "Opening China's Shop Door" and "Knocking at America's Door" (a study of immigration). It is hoped that these two big topics, developed as they are each month by a number of lesser topics, may form a basis of graded study better adapted to the use of children than those formerly used.

Permanent Literature.

Since the junior mission study book, prepared by the Interdenominal tional Committee, failed to meet the needs of our constituency, the department was asked to prepare a study better suited to our local needs. The result of this request was the publication of "Handicapped Winners," which has been issued without expense to the Council. It has had a satisfactory circulation among the juniors and a limited use among the dult societies, some of whom have reported enthusiastic all-day meetings, with "Handicapped Winners" as a basis of study. Judging from the letters that have come to the office, this book has been recei ed with evidetn satisfaction on the part of many leaders of both races. The following from one of these leaders prophesies the fulfillment of our purpose in its production: "It is to be feared that if many other persons attack the problem of race hatred by substituting the knowledge and appreciation which make for good will, beginning where all valuable efforts in this direction should begin, with the children, it will be difficult to perpetuate the blind bitterness which keeps different races with swords in and against each other."

Upon the invitation of the Interdenominational Committee on Home Mission Books, we had the opportunity of rendering another service to the cause of race relationships by writing the handbook for "In the Vanguard of a Race," the adult mission study book for 1923.

The Council, in its session of 1921, passed a resolution which involved the preparation of a devotional book adapted to the needs of our auxiliary members. Our first plan was to publish a missionary calendar, but since the editors of the *Missionary Voice* had already sent material to the printer for this purpose, it was abandoned. Then came the thought of a book which should, in permanent form, preserve the notable missionary sayings of many of our prominent leaders, under the title of "The Lambuth-Bennett Book of Remembrance." In order to get the manuscript into the hands of the printer in time to come from the press by January, Miss Mary De Bardeleben was called to the office for one month during the summer. The work of selection and compilation was carried forward by her, in connection with the work of the department, her remuneration having been advanced by the publishers from our prospective royalty.

The Lambuth-Bennett Book of Remembrance" has been sent forth as a

new call to the work of intercession. Truly its name will constantly remind us of this call, for Bishop W. R. Lambuth and Miss Belle H. Bennett were indeed our two greatest leaders in the life of simple faith and utter dependence upon prayer. Their going from us is a challenge to the Church to carry forward the task of world civilization and to learn the secret of their power. Miss Mary Lambuth said in a letter concerning this book: "It is beautifully compiled and seems so wonderfully appropriate. Father was so fond of just this kind of book, and I shall always think of him coming to the breakfast table with book in hand and reading us the message for the day before the morning prayer was said. I know how deeply this loving remembrance would have pleased him."

Another book which has been issued from the department this year came out under the unique caption "Stylus Photographus." It was written particularly to give to those who support Bible women and scholarship girls in China a living picture of their work. Miss Mary Culler White has compiled some most charming stories of missionary achievements from the reports of the missionaries and has put these stories into the mouth of an American traveler in China and "Stylus Photographus" an autographic kodak. The best expression of appreciation that we can give concerning this book is probably embodied in the following from one of our Conference officers: "When the book, 'Stylus Photographus,' came, I opened it and began to read it standing. I read five chapters before I realized I was standing. It is so unique, attractive, and instructive. Every woman of every auxiliary should have one."

"Women and Missions" is still having a good sale. We have already sold 13,168 copies, and another five hundred are being printed. In "Women and Missions" we sought diligently to set forth the daring faith and Christ-like love of the greatest women that Southern Methodism has produced. And now it gives us great gratification that some of its proceeds has made possible the handsome oil portrait of Miss Belle H. Bennett, the greatest of all these leaders. It will hang in the assembly room of the Lambuth Building in Nashville, as an inspiration to the generations of Southern Methodist womanhood yet to come.

Royalties.

We give below an itemized statement of royalties received and amounts expended, up-to-date:

Women and Missions	$1,758 77
Interest on Women and Missions royalty	24 02
Handicapped Winners	134 70
Missionary Entertainments	108 09
When God Walks the Road	79 68
Total amount received on royalties and interest	$2,105 26

EXPENDITURES.

Miss Bennett's portrait	$575 00
To Miss Alleine Fridy as bonus	79 68
For poems used in "Handicapped Winners"	50 00
Total amount expenditures	$ 704 68
Balance in bank from royalties	1,400 58

Note.–The portrait of Miss Bennett was paid for from the royalty of "Women and Missions" by a vote of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions. The royalty on "When God Walks the Road" was paid to Miss Fridy as an appreciation of her services by a vote of the Executive Committee of the Council in 1922. An expence of fifty dollars for the use of the Dunbar poems in "Handicapped Winners" was incurred. This was necessarily deducted from the first royalties received.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKER.

The *Young Christian Worker* has been printed each month at a total cost of $5,379.76 and with an average circulation of 10,000. The cost of printing continues so high that again we have been unable to meet expenses. Mrs. S. G. Barnett is still our efficient business manager, and Miss Alleine Fridy is taking a large responsibility in the editing of this children's magazine.

BULLETIN.

By the action of the last session of the Council, we were authorized to publish the *Bulletin* quarterly instead of monthy, however, the avenue through which we expected to be able to put news into the hands of the women was discontinued. Consequently, after a lapse of only one month, we continued to send this sheet out as usual. Eleven issues have been published at a cost of $1,033.17.

OFFICE FORCE.

We are fortunate in having in our office force those whose lives have been dedicated to the missionary cause. Miss Wagner, a returned missionary, realizes the importance of every detail of our missionary enterprise; and Miss Fridy, who is a detained volunteer, rejoices in the opportunity to express the passion of her life in her messages to the children; Deaconess Emily Olmstead has recently been added to our corps of workers. Her four years of experience as assistant to Miss Bennett acquainted her with the scope of our fields and the details of our organization. This, added to her rare ability with her pen, makes her an invaluable asset to our office. We are truly grateful for those with whom we labor.

ORGANIZATION.

MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB, SCCRETARY.

OUR HOME BASE RANKS.

Our missionary forces have operated during the past year as 39 Conference societies. For notwithstanding the union by the General Con-

ference of the Pacific and Los Angeles Conferences into one Conference (the Pacific) the missionary societies, on account of distances and vast territory, have continued to maintain two organizations as heretofore. Whether this is the best course for the future is a question which their leaders are considering seriously. The Arizona Woman's Missionary Conference, with three districts including the entire State, was formed at the organization of the Annual Conference during the latter part of the past year. The newly elected officers are addressing themselves to their duties with great earnestness, and we can confidently forecast a great future. When we remember that the Paris District of the Tennessee Conference once included Henderson, Ky., we cannot be discouraged over these three sparsely occupied new districts in the Far West. I am hoping that some Council officer will visit them during this summer. At the recent session of the Annual Conferences many changes have been made in districts.

There are 10,300 missionary societies with 276,754 members, classified as follows: 5,805 adult, with 165,049 members; 1,776 young people's, with 38,010 members; 2,719 juniors, with 73,695 members. In addition to the above there are 2,017 baby divisions, with 34,501 members.

For the adults the reports show that 25 Conference societies have increased in number of organizations, and that the total increase in adult societies is 156. The largest gain in any Conference, 20, was made by Alabama, Louisville following close behind with 19. The largest per cent of increase, 13, was made by Northwest Texas. North Arkansas and St. Louis each made a ten per cent gain in adult organizations; 28 Conferences made an increase in adult membership. North Carolina gained 650 new members; Memphis, with 647 new members, gained 15%, or the highest rate. Florida stands third in the list with 610 new adult members. These figures do not represent large gains. The number of new societies is only three-fourths of our quota for the first year of the quadrennium as adopted at the last session of the Council, and the number of new adult members slightly over half. These goals have now been assigned to all and assumed by most of the Conferences, and we believe the quota will be reached during this year. The Conference officers, district secretaries, and auxiliary leaders have been in no sense slackers on the missionary enterprise during the year. The most persistent, enthusiastic efforts have been put forth all along the line. There have been the usual Conference and district meetings and "then some." That I might sum up some of these activities of Conference and auxiliary women in the cultivation of the Home Base, I sent a questionnaire to the district secretaries. Answers were returned by 137, and the following are some of the interesting facts that were revealed by the returns: In these 137 districts, 993 visits have been made by the secretaries, 326 district and group meetings have been held, 144 auxiliaries assisted in organizing new societies, and 189 visits were made to auxiliaries by deputations from other auxiliaries. Had returns come from all secretaries these figures would doubtless have been doubled. The actual number of new adult organizations made was 496. When we consider that the net gain for the year was only 156, we get some idea of what a stand our

Conference women have made for even this small advance. This situation was voiced for all by one of our Western leaders, who closed the letter accompanying her report with the words: "We get discouraged sometimes, but can only 'keep on keeping on.'" It is because they do this in spite of many difficulties that you and I are to-day rejoicing in a constantly strengthening Home Base. Forty-five district secretaries report as many adult societies as charges.

Honor Roll.

For two years we have been making special mention of the Conferences reporting the largest number of adult societies on Roll of Honor. For 1922 this honor goes to the Alabama Conference, with 83 societies reaching this standard. I am convinced that the effort to bring the societies up to the standard required for such recognition is accomplishing the result aimed at in its establishment. The greatest difficulty in the matter is getting proper reports. According to instructions of the last Council, a large Standard of Excellence chart has been prepared for sale.

Simplified Literature.

An outstanding piece of cultivation has been done by the systematic use of the simplified literature for new societies, which was reported at the last session of the Council. The district secretaries have made large use of it and have kept in close touch with the societies studying it to see that successive supplies were received. Through them I have been able to know when the series of programs was completed by any society and have issued the certificate of promotion which the Council authorized. Eighteen of these certificates have been issued, each accompanied by a personal letter of congratulation and encouragement. This nurture has, doubtless, established these weak organizations. The district secretaries, through the questionnaire referred to, report 518 societies as now using this literature.

Finances.

From the Treasurer's report we learn that our collections for 1922 are behind those for the previous year $7,218, and I am sure I voice the sentiment of every member of the body when I express disappointment over this fact. In seasons of disappointment it is not unwise to find comfort if any phase of the situation can yield comfort. Hence I offer this fact, from which I think some consolation is to be derived. At the end of the third quarter the finances were about $13,000 behind. A strong effort must have been put forth during the fourth quarter to have reduced the deficit almost one-half. Twelve Conferences—Alabama, Baltimore, East Oklahoma, Florida, Little Rock, Memphis, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, North Mississippi, Northwest Texas, and Texas—paid or overpaid their pledge to the Council; and sixteen—Alabama, Baltimore, East Oklahoma, Florida, Little Rock, Louisiana, Memphis, Mississippi, North Arkansas, North Carolina, North Mississippi, St. Louis, Tennessee, Texas, West Oklahoma, and Western North Carolina—went beyond last year's col-

lections. In most cases the losses are very small, but some losses are so large that there may be made several combinations of two Conferences that exceed the entire amount of our shortage. The largest gains were made by Florida, $2,399; Alabama, $2,329; Memphis, $2,238; Little Rock, Louisiana, and Western North Carolina each advanced more than $1,000.

In the Memphis Conference a spendid effort to bring up collections was put forth by the Conference-wide observance of Harvest Day.

Travel and Field Work.

Fully half of this Secretary's time for the past year has been given to travel in the Conferences or to attendance upon meetings held under auspices of or that furnished opportunity to advance the interests of the organization. Conference meetings in the West were visited after the Council meeting in San Antonio. During the summer a highly prized opportunity to enlighten the brethren regarding the mysteries of the Woman's Work came through the medium of summer schools for rural pastors. In the autumn two series of district and group meetings were attended in the Conferences. It is heartening beyond words to see the interest displayed by the large attendance upon and intelligent participation in these meetings. I regret that there is no way to get an accurate account of how many women are in attendance upon such gatherings in the course of the year. I wish here, in behalf of the Secretaries, to speak a word of appreciation to our Conference Presidents and Secretaries who have cooperated with us so heartily during the past two months by releasing the Secretaries from Conference visitation and giving them the opportunity of assisting in the Centenary Emergency Campaign. This coöperation has brought upon them heavy responsibilities. From all reports their programs have been most successful, and they have reason for great self-gratulation.

Changes.

The new Constitution provided for the Board of Missions by the General Conference has called for some readjustments in the offices of the Secretaries, and this Secretary has been compelled to change her official name from Secretary of the Home Base, a title she has prized highly, to the Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization. While making these changes, it seemed wise to unify the department of literature, putting the distribution and production under the same direction. The action brought to a close on September 1 that item of office work to which, for the past ten years, I have given close attention. The new plan makes possible a more thorough cultivation through other channels. I have already begun to realize the good results in the opportunity for attention to certain details of the work which had had to suffer in the crowded quarters and time of the old régime. The sales to September 1 were $5,278.97.

Problems.

The growth of our work at the Home Base and the increasing activities of our women in many lines of service conspire to produce some problems

that we need to study seriously. Some of our leaders are feeling these problems heavily and need our assistance in conducting the work committed to them in such a way as not to let it suffer. One of these problems is that of the multiplicity of calls for finances and service made by good causes which need the assistance of such a well-oiled piece of machinery as the Woman's Missionary Society offers in order to put over their programs. Again there are claims pressing our women which have been created by our own missionary propaganda. All the various activities of city boards and local Conference institutions have grown out of the missionary teachings broadcasted by the missionary society. The Conference societies must hear the call of these and must answer them. How to meet these claims without doing violence to the main object for which our great machinery was established and without weakening the foundation under the superstructure we have so prayerfully and painstakingly built up through two-score years and more is a matter for serious thought and prayer. As leaders in counsel together, let us consider the matter and send forth such warnings and exhortations as are needed to avert disaster to our work. The proportions which the membership of some of our organizations in city Churches have assumed furnishes us another problem. How to keep these large bodies of women inspired with missionary enthusiasm and actively participating in the different lines of service which constitute its program is engaging the serious attention of the Conference and auxiliary leaders. Some of these problems will be discussed by the members of our body in the period devoted to the Workers' Conference, and we trust helpful suggestions may be offered.

Supplies.

In this department the labors of our women are abundant. The main difficulty is in getting a correct account of what is done. To this department perhaps more than any other every needy hand is held out and few fail to receive an answer to their solicitations for aid.

Here, as perhaps nowhere else, is fully portrayed the tender heart and loving sympathy of the women of the Church. From the stream of generosity flowing through this department I have taken account only of that part which has been directed to Council institutions and to ministers and missionaries. The appended table gives the record of the several Conferences as it has been reported to me. Louisville leads in total value of donations; North Georgia stands second in value, but first in number of donations. My record of work done through the department is not sufficiently complete to give a satisfactory account of all that has been done. To each Conference I have assigned specific institutions, and reports indicate that each Conference is taking care of its charge. I should like to make special mention of hearty responses on the part of Conferences upon whom I have made calls in behalf of peculiar needs. Central Texas, at the suggestion of the Secretary, sent a valuable supply of linen to the Case Cottage, Rio. Louisville, North Arkansas, and St. Louis responded to an emergency call for a minister in the Far West. Memphis, St. Louis, North

and South Georgia, and North Mississippi gave a shower of linen for the McTyeire Teachers' Home. The four Carolinas took advantage of an opportunity to supply linen for the new building at Brevard. Doubtless every Conference in the connection would have responded as liberally as these have done. There were circumstances in each of these cases which determined just how and where the call should be made.

As we make the report of this another good year's work, we rejoice that God has so signally blessed our efforts for him. The Woman's Missionary Society has come to have an acknowledged place of honor among the kingdom-building agencies. The Executive Secretary of the American Association of University Women, in a plea for its members, participating in the recent campaign for the Union Missionary Colleges in the East, said: "The foundations for higher training to the women of the East and the Near East have been laid—not by our hands. Through many years, in thousands of little mission circles over the land, bands of devoted women have gathered with incredible effort and sacrifice their pitiful offerings and have poured them in a steady and constantly augmenting stream through the channel of the great missionary organizations into the Orient with its teeming millions of women, to whom the door of opportunity has been so hopelessly closed through all the ages.

"Schools have been built, teachers have been sent, children have been gathered in and taught until a generation has arisen in whom has been born a great hope—the hope that for them, too, as for the women of the West, there may be possible the full, free life of fruitful service."

These testimonials hearten us, and we confidently face the future renewing our consecration to the unfinished task.

Statistics from the Conferences for 1922.

Conferences.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Young People's Auxiliaries.	Young People's Members.	Junior Divisions.	Junior Members.	Baby Divisions.	Baby Members.	No. Auxiliaries Observing Week of Prayer.	No. Auxiliaries on Honor Roll.
Alabama	241	5,153	70	1,127	147	3,887	207	4,021	215	83
Arizona	11	208	1	.....	1	20	2	28	7	1
Baltimore	180	5,270	107	2,481	107	2,875	92	1,202	245	87
Central Texas	201	6,038	25	557	93	3,138	45	486	64	7
Denver	7	176	....	.....	2	53	2	35	5	....
East Oklahoma	142	3,785	18	424	34	902	32	414	84	32
Florida	170	5,399	36	875	57	1,771	52	823	49	10
Holston	178	6,188	83	1,625	80	2,369	70	1,436	192	85
Illinois	18	260	1	7	2	.....	1	4	....	....
Kentucky	115	3,211	44	903	62	1,034	66	536	136	50
Little Rock	121	3,342	50	884	68	2,000	40	684	97	53
Los Angeles	15	672	4	66	7	285	9	195	11	1
Louisiana	133	4,135	20	350	39	759	17	143	78	37
Louisville	245	4,744	68	1,200	76	1,049	33	320	143	55
Memphis	158	4,919	72	1,585	95	2,308	86	1,243	199	112
Mississippi	166	3,675	23	465	45	1,058	32	461	128	39
Missouri	106	3,019	29	525	34	642	34	549	83	31
New Mexico	56	1,416	22	89	14	256	7	102	30	2
North Alabama	203	5,869	57	1,142	111	3,192	76	1,008	139	61
North Arkansas	154	3,718	33	600	62	1,745	43	477	127	18
North Carolina	240	7,150	66	1,391	151	4,368	65	1,098	126	35
North Georgia	357	10,758	160	3,894	274	8,738	262	6,841	....	41
North Mississippi	171	4,925	48	1,000	84	2,636	56	750	130	44
North Texas	162	4,490	27	473	38	1,330	31	893	86	24
Northwest	21	354	2	4	21	262	3	66	....	....
Northwest Texas	139	3,794	35	800	49	1,676	29	658	42	....
Pacific	42	1,154	7	150	15	400	9	98	22	2
South Carolina	150	4,365	47	924	92	1,975	33	550	91	....
South Georgia	277	8,100	40	850	127	3,007	93	1,140	....	....
Southwest Missouri	113	3,703	26	568	52	2,014	37	250	34	12
St. Louis	89	2,459	24	379	32	794	18	248	59	27
Tennessee	193	5,788	70	1,269	116	2,496	116	2,231	164	....
Texas	189	4,453	50	928	85	1,609	78	1,494	....	103
Upper South Carolina	193	5,458	64	1,318	92	2,181	40	814	116	46
Virginia	352	12,207	197	6,091	146	4,034	80	1,132	97	27
Western North Carolina	174	5,771	80	1,532	105	3,235	52	1,002	94	18
West Oklahoma	113	3,230	22	625	20	1,676	12	143	60	16
West Texas	157	4,003	23	394	55	1,241	37	609	93	24
Western Virginia	53	1,690	25	515	29	680	20	317	63	25
Total	5,805	165,049	1,776	38,010	2,719	73,695	2,017	34,501	3,309	1,208

Total number of auxiliaries, 10,300.
Total members in missionary societies, 275,754.

Report of Supplies by Conferences for 1922.

Conferences.	No. Donations to Institutions.	No. Donations to Preachers and Missionaries.	Total No. Donations.	Value of Donations.
Alabama	92	13	105	$ 1,910 45
Arizona	....	...	....	.....
Baltimore	194	28	222	4,204 52
Central Texas	96	20	116	2,689 96
Denver	....	...	....	9 00
East Oklahoma	34	25	59	1,249 50
Florida	....	...	110	2,199 69
Holston	11	7	18	920 75
Illinois	....	...	....	.....
Kentucky	47	7	54	1,042 70
Little Rock	52	16	68	2,282 88
Los Angeles	....	...	....	1,500 00
Louisiana	250	4	254	3,998 59
Louisville	38	176	214	7,111 91
Memphis	200	14	214	4,520 49
Mississippi	....	...	....	860 70
Missouri	86	...	86	1,898 11
New Mexico	18	23	41	512 82
North Alabama	12	30	42	3,792 83
North Arkansas	41	54	95	1,900 18
North Carolina	29	2	31	877 68
North Georgia	283	29	312	7,025 94
North Mississippi	28	4	32	755 60
Northwest	....	...	....	103 25
Northwest Texas	20	73	93	1,577 07
North Texas	102	16	118	4,045 09
Pacific	....	...	....	.....
St. Louis	....	21	21	5,649 07
South Carolina	55	3	58	1,143 22
South Georgia	68	25	93	2,755 29
Southwest Missouri	....	...	....	5,009 39
Tennessee	105	77	182	5,182 88
Texas	179	40	219	3,099 54
Upper South Carolina	29	55	84	3,780 54
Virginia	....	...	....	5,424 69
West Oklahoma	1	32	33	2,216 00
West Texas	71	2	73	1,167 17
Western North Carolina	116	16	132	2,656 30
Western Virginia	31	21	52	819 00
Total	2,288	833	3,221	$95,892 80

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

MRS. P. L. COBB, SUPERINTENDENT.

The record of the first year of a new quadrennium, as of any new era, shows fluctations that do not truly reveal the status of the work. The continuity of growth and progress is also effected by a change in the person of the leader. These two facts are evident in the report which I submit, as my first, for this first year of the quadrennium. I know that these figures do not truly reflect the spirit and work of the fine Conference Superintendents who have made this report possible; nor can they give forth the glow of enthusiasm and real spiritual victory that is possessing the hearts and lives of the young women of the Council's sisterhood. As I have met both of these groups out in the field this last year, I have been conscious of pride in them, their spirit, and their achievements.

The work was all new to me when in May and June I began to feel the full responsibility of it and received the books from Mrs. Perry. The department had grown marvelously under her enthusiastic leadership, until it now requires a great deal of time and thought.

The following figures show the standing of the work this year.

Auxiliaries.

The total number of auxiliaries is 1,776, an increase of 104 over last year's numbers as given by the Superintendents on this year's blanks; but these do not tally with the figures furnished the Council Superintendent last year.

During the year 380 new auxiliaries have been organized—that is, 21 per cent of our auxiliaries were new this year. But we lost 290 societies.

In actual number of new auxiliaries organized, Texas leads with 32; Alabama has 30; Virginia, 25; North Georgia, 23; and Louisville, 20.

Virginia still leads with 197 auxiliaries, but shows a net gain of only 2. The largest gain per cent is in Florida, a gain of 44 per cent in auxiliaries; West Oklahoma, 38 per cent; and North Alabama, 21 per cent.

Membership.

The number of members is 38,006, a net gain of 688, although 9,065 new members have been enrolled during the year. The loss of 290 auxiliaries by promotion, absorption, and death causes the low net gain in membership. The effort put forth for these new members is given due credit. We like to believe that none who have been in touch with this larger field of service will lose the influence of it.

The Conferences gaining the largest number of new members are: Virginia, 900; North Georgia, 850; Holston, 539; North Alabama, 509; Texas, 500. We realize, however, that a gain of a few scores in some Conferences is a larger per cent than several hundred in other Conferences. We recognize the work done in both cases and give appreciative credits.

The Conferences holding the largest membership are: Virginia, 6,091; North Georgia, 3,894; Baltimore, 2,481; Holston, 1,625; Memphis, 1,585; Western North Carolina, 1,532.

Finances.

The Treasurer's report shows an offering of $57,572.95 as the Young People's gift for missions, a per capita gift of $1.51.

The Young People of the Baltimore Conference contributed the largest amount, $5,234.67; North Georgia, $4,765.37; Virginia, $4,511.11; Holston, $3,167.37; Western North Carolina, $3,104.95.

In addition to these are the large contributions to local and Conference activities and social service demands that rightfully claim the interests of the girls.

Included in the unreported totals is the value of the 547 boxes of supplies sent in answer to the many calls for help. With the gifts has gone the giver, in a deepening of life's sympathies. Texas sent 54 boxes of supplies; Virginia, 45; and North Georgia, 37.

With difficult economic conditions surrounding many of the auxiliaries, we did not pay the pledges made to the Council. This we regret and promise to make even greater efforts to redeem ourselves in the coming year.

Mission and Bible Study.

After the magnificent increase last year in mission study classes and members, it is gratifying to note a still further gain this year. This department is fundamental to even the weakest auxiliary; upon the infilling and invigoration it provides will the success in all departments largely depend. With gratitude we note an increase of 49 classes over last year, making a total of 1,096 classes, with 17,620 members.

In classes and members, North Georgia leads with 112 classes; Memphis, 96; Texas, 91; Baltimore, 78; Louisville and Tennessee, 64 each.

In Bible classes North Georgia leads with 92; Texas had 78; Memphis, 76; Louisville and Tennessee, 45 each. Many Conferences show a commendable increase in this vital interest that is not indicated by figures.

Reading circles have continued to prove their value where it did not seem expedient to strive for organized class work. Ninety such circles are reported: Tennessee with 14; Mississippi and North Alabama, 12 each.

Our literature, both yearbook and programs, and the leaflet literature, has been continued in the same high grade set for it in the last few years. I see none from any source that excels it in providing helps and provoking initiative on the part of the girls. The use of it is far greater than ever.

Week of Prayer.

This year activity in this season of prayer was reported from only 627 auxiliaries, a slight decrease from last year. This is one part in which the girls should feel the sympathy and coöperation of the adult society. Let us help make their day, the "great day" of the Week of Prayer, at least for them.

Volunteers.

The two preceding forces, prayer and knowledge of the needs, have again been united to bring forth workers to meet the needs. Much sifting

has been done on the part of the Conference Superintendents, that only those should be reported who are really preparing to "carry on" in the field of missionary preparation. We have 348 new names enrolled as volunteers for definite Christian service. In many cases the offering of life has greatly spurred the girls of the auxiliary which the volunteers has gone to greater faith and more definite service in prayer and works.

North Georgia reports 129 new volunteers; Northwest Texas, 49; Texas, 34; and Central Texas, 33.

Roll of Honor.

The presentation of the ribbon fliers for the attaining of the Standard of Excellence is attracting more and more attention at annual meetings as a thing to be desired. Representing, as it does, a well-rounded, organized life in the auxiliaries, it will have the desired effect of increasing the efficiency of our work and workers.

This table is incompletely reported by the Conferences, yet 436 auxiliaries were on the Roll of Honor for 1922. North Georgia had 43; Memphis, 30; Baltimore, 28; Alabama, 27; Holston and Texas, 25 each.

The other specified activities of the auxiliaries are too varied and incompletely reported to be given in detail, yet all indicate a normal life and growth.

Summer Conferences.

The growth in summer conferences, encampments, and institute assemblies is remarkable. Of various types and amid varied surroundings—by mountains, lakes, springs, woods, and open country—they have all been planned to bring to the Young People profit and inspiration as well as real recreation and jolly good times. Many problems are springing up regarding the conduct of these assemblies; but in every case, I believe, they are in the hands of conscientious, careful committees of management. The breadth and culture that comes to a girl by attending such, especially the large interdenominational conferences, can hardly be estimated, but is surely being recognized by the girls themselves.

The end of the first year of the quadrennium finds us short of our goals in many departments, yet this should not cause us to be discouraged. With patience, toleration, and consecration we can retrieve ourselves and meet even yet the goals set for this department this quadrennium.

There is no doubt that the decrease reported in the totals of many departments is due to the general feeling of unrest and uncertainty that preceded the General Conference. Following the Council meeting, it was rumored that many changes might be made in our Woman's Work, involving some in the conduct of the Young People's Department. At General Conference a great deal of interest centered in the discussions relating to the correlation of the agencies at work among the young people of the Church.

As the matter was not then decided by being brought to a vote, the interest held over, to be centered again in a meeting of the Joint Commission appointed to consider this, with other matters of interboard coöperation.

From this meeting in Junaluska, much was hoped for, but alas, nothing resulted except a fresh disturbance in the minds of the Young People Superintendents as to whether they should continue to organize more Young People's Societies.

In some Conferences the relations between the officials of the organizations working for Young People is such as would hardly foster any Christian spirit or work; in others, a spirit of tolerance and broad mindedness has enabled League and missionary forces to coöperate in some working plan that has resulted in harmony and growth, or at least not in destruction.

In two departments of the same Church as vital to the Young People as are these two departments there surely must be found a constructive policy based on the mutual need of the two. A Church thus divided over the most vital of all interests, the missionary education and training of its young people, cannot expect to build well for its future leadership.

I therefore hope that this body will appoint a committee to act with a similar one from the Epworth League Board, in accordance with their expressed published desire to outline some policy for the betterment of the work among the young people of the Church.

Statistical Report, 1922.

Auxiliaries	1,776
New auxiliaries	380
Members	38,006
New members	9,065
Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer	627
Auxiliaries presenting stewardship	663
Auxiliaries presenting social service topics	839
Auxiliaries using secular press	498
Auxiliaries on Roll of Honor	436
Mission study classes	1,096
Bible study classes	560
Reading Circles	90
Boxes of supplies	547
Subscribers to the *Voice*	1,925
Using *Bulletin*	729
Volunteers	348
Gifts for missions	$57,572.95

CHILDREN'S WORK.

ALTHEA JONES, SUPERINTENDENT.

Baby Divisions, 2,035; gain, 118, or 6 per cent.
Baby members, 34,459; gain, 4,880, or 16 per cent.
Baby finance, $8,609.41; gain, $50.39.
Junior Divisions, 2,719; gain, 31, or 1 per cent.
Junior members, 73,674; gain, 2,405, or 3 per cent.
Junior finance, $48,335.88; loss, $2,916.66, or 5 per cent.

Week of Prayer, 943; loss, 6, or 10 per cent.
New Mission Study Classes, 1,549; gain, 285, or 23 per cent.
Members of Mission Study Classes, 35,530; gain, 5,951, or 20 per cent.
Social Service Committees, 1,499; gain, 235, or 18 per cent.
Honor Roll, 535; gain, 58, or 11 per cent.

Analysis.

The work which has been done with the children of the Church the past year under the direction of your Superintendent has been good. All the statistics, except in two items, show an increase. You know there has been a financial depression throughout the South, which has been felt by other department besides the Children's. The total offering by the children of money was 5 per cent less than last year. Six fewer auxiliaries observed the Week of Prayer, which makes the second of the only two decreases of the year. In members and divisions, mission study, social service, and honor roll, while some of the gains are small, still they all show a net gain for the year.

Organizations.

There has been a gain of 118 Baby Divisions over the previous year. Many more than this number were organized, but some for various reasons have been lost to the work, and these figures show only the net gain. Total number of Baby Divisions, 2,035. The Baby Divisions show also a net gain in membership of 4,880, making a total membership of 34,459.

The Junior Divisions also show a net gain, though not as large as the Baby Divisions; but still we are encouraged by the fact that there is an increase, even though there are other organizations very active in this field. The net gain the past year in Junior Divisions is 31, making a total of 2,719 Divisions, with a membership of 73,674. The net increase in members is 2,405.

We have all together now enrolled in the Children's Department 108,-133 children, a mighty army whose potentialities are limitless. How great is the opportunity of every woman in this Council Missionary Society for a second chance through these more than a hundred thousand children!

Finance.

The total money sent the Council Treasurer by the Children's Department was $56,945.29. For local, City Mission, Supplies, etc., $10,557.09 was reported. This makes a grand total of $67,502.38, which is the Children's offering for Missions the past year.

The Week of Prayer offering reported to me was $2,414.38.

The Junior Division sent to the Council Treasurer $48,335.88, which is an average gift of over sixty-five cents per member. The Baby Division sent $8,609.41, which averages twenty-five cents per member.

Week of Prayer

Again this year we show a decrease in the observance of the Week of Prayer, although not as many failed this year as last. There were 949

Divisions reported as observing Week of Prayer in 1921 and 943 in 1922. We must strive harder to have the children take advantage of this special season of prayer and thanksgiving. The decrease the past year was due to many causes, partly though, I'm sure, to the fact that one whole Conference, through confusion arising from similar initials, was never able to secure programs and literature for the Week of Prayer in the Children's Department.

Honor Roll.

There were 535 auxiliaries which attained the Honor Roll. This is a gain of 58 over last year. If you would glance over the requirements, you would more fully appreciate the work these 535 auxiliaries have done, for it requires a very high standard of work. These figures show that more than one in every seven of the Junior Divisions are doing ideal work.

Social Service.

The 1,499 auxiliaries having Social Service Committees the past year is an increase of 235 over last year. This means that an increasing number of children are engaged in expressional activity of the missionary truths which they have been learning.

Mission Study.

One of the best evidences of the value of the work is the large increase shown in the new mission and Bible study groups. There were 1,549 new classes, with 35,530 members reported to this Superintendent the past year. This is an increase of 285 classes, or 23 per cent. These figures show that an average of over 57% of the auxiliaries have had either mission or Bible study. But of course many have had more than one class, though, even when this is taken into account, these figures make a splendid showing.

The Work by Conferences.

Three Conferences—St. Louis, Holston, and Memphis—show a net gain in every item. The three following, only one decrease—Missouri, North Texas, and Upper South Carolina. The following seven, only two decreases—Little Rock, North Mississippi, North Alabama, South Georgia, North Georgia, West Oklahoma, and West Texas.

The following thirteen paid or overpaid their Council Budget Pledge: Denver, East Oklahoma, Little Rock, Louisiana, Holston, Memphis, Missouri, Northwest, North Carolina, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Tennessee, Texas.

Southwest Missouri and Alabama almost made theirs, and Baltimore and Mississippi only lacked 2% and 3%, respectively, of making theirs.

North Georgia leads in every item, North Carolina comes second in Junior members and finance, Baltimore in observance of Week of Prayer, North Alabama in mission study classes and members of classes, Alabama in Junior Divisions, Honor Roll, Baby Divisions, and Baby members.

West Oklahoma leads all the Conferences in average percentage in-

crease (206%); North Alabama comes next (198%); South Georgia third (117%); and West Virginia fourth (110%).

Travel and Conferences.

I have attended one annual missionary conference, two Council meetings, the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Institutes in Lake Chautauqua, N. Y., the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee, and accompanied Mrs. Ross on a short trip to Saltillo and Monterrey, Mexico, and Laredo, Tex. The Junior Specials for 1923–24 are our settlement work with the Mexicans, and I feel that it was helpful to this Superintendent to be able to visit two of these settlements—viz., San Antonio and Monterrey. The institutes at Chautauqua I found well worth my while. The expense of attendance upon all of these meetings, with the exception of the two Council sessions, has been met out of my travel allowance.

The Outlook.

This past year the work has been a great joy to me, and I desire to express my thankfulness for the opportunity of serving in this field. The Conference Superintendents are a splendid body of women, and have always responded beautifully to the suggestions coming from this office, and frequently have made valuable contributions toward the promotion of the work by the exchange of ideas and methods which they have been so generous in giving. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them publicly, as I have already done privately, for their loyal coöperation and to say that this report of the splendid year's work had been due in a very large measure to their faithfulness and consecration to the task.

The Church is thinking and planning for the children to-day as never before. Truly this is the day of the child, and we should be encouraged over the outlook and be inspired by this deeper realization of the value to the Church of the child, and by the knowledge that many of its departments are adjusting their activities to meet more fully the needs. *Our progress as a Church will be measured by the way we meet the needs of the childhood of the Church.* So may we all enter into this great task God has given us, the training of his little ones, preparing them for life.

BUREAU OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

MRS. W. A. NEWELL, SUPERINTENDENT.

The detailed report of the Conferences given below indicates the types of service performed in the various Conferences during the past year. To each might be added friendly visiting, ministry to the sick and shut-in, and relief work, for this type of service is universally reported. It is the primary form of service that the humblest and least-trained women often can render ably. No auxiliary ever becomes too highly expert in advanced forms of social service to neglect these simple offices to individuals in sickness or adversity. We are nevertheless heartened to find that as our

women grow in experience with social problems they are organizing for the more complex and perplexing forms of social work.

It is a task requiring initiative, courage, and tact, as well as a certain amount of specialized knowledge, for a woman to mobilize the membership of her auxiliary in the pursuit of some purpose for the good of a whole community, still more to relate her followers to the other forces summoned to "rebuild the old waste places" in the social structure. Yet this more difficult goal has been often attained, as testified by the many reports from many Conferences of clean-up campaigns, baby clinics held, nutrition work initiated in schools, and visits to town councils in the interest of law enforcement, and similar ventures in social organization.

There has been greater emphasis on work for children at home, in the family, in schools, Bible schools, clubs, playgrounds, and in institutions, in care of the crippled, tuberculous, and neglected. One society has a member detailed to attend juvenile court cases, several serve as big sisters. All this is hopeful. If ever there was a social work for Christian women it is in the nurture and salvage of children.

The influence of the quarterly studies on the family, nutrition, sanitation, and housing is reflected in much of this work as well as in efforts to check license in unchaperoned pleasures and to open homes and churches for wholesome recreation for young folk. Because this influence of the studies on action has been so clearly recorded, your Superintendent begs that you will all concentrate on removing the obstacles that stand between the social service quarterly literature and the well carried out program. The literature sometimes stays in the desk of the corresponding secretary until it is too late to prepare an adequate program. Sometimes the President does not realize that this is the program for her Superintendent, and conducts it herself. Often no Superintendent is elected. Again, as this officer stands well toward the last of the list, some one is chosen whose sole fitness for the difficult work lies in her willingness. We especially seek the coöperation of the District Secretaries in sending to the Conference Superintendents as full a list of auxiliary superintendents as possible.

These points emphasized by all officers will greatly aid in making the social service of the auxiliary a real factor in the life of the Church.

Much time has been given by your Superintendent to promoting the plans of your Commission on Race Relationships. Eleven Conference Superintendents, or their representatives, were in attendance during Social Service Week at Lake Junaluska, where a portion of the time was given to a fine program on race relations. Twenty Conference societies were represented by their Superintendents and substitutes at the Social Service Conference at Atlanta in December, where a most stimulating institute was conducted by the chairman of the Council Commission.

The progress of this phase of the work in the auxiliaries has been impeded by misconceptions of its purport, by age-long attitudes, and by fear; but these conferences gave the leaders clearer conceptions of interracial policies. They gave true insights into the power of trained Negro leadership, and its significance for the wise direction of their own race. They

gave ideas of the needs of this Negro leadership for white support and counsel, and more still of the need of white people for the point of view of the sane, wise Negro leaders in efforts to help the Negro. Those who attended these conferences had laid at rest forever the bugbear of social equality, while the standard of racial respect and integrity was raised. It is our firm conviction that this work you have enterprised has already placed a leaven in the mass that means progress in social justice, and that continued it will result in such good for both races as we can scarcely dream of now. We are taking the position to-day in this matter that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union took fifty years ago for temperance in the face of opposition, ridicule, and hatred. Shall we be less valiant than they?

In addition to these meetings your Superintendent has attended as worker and learner five conference meetings, one annual Conference, one District Conference, two meetings of the Council Commission on Race Relationships, two State meetings with Denominational Day, one meeting of the General Commission, one Council executive committee meeting, two meetings of the Commission on Temperance and Social Service, one Epworth League conference convention, and two State social service conferences.

With attendance on and work for these meetings, writing leaflets, articles, and questionnaires, doing research in the many fields of social service, and conducting a correspondence that grows month by month, leisure is unknown to this office and the avocation has become an absorbing job.

One of the rewarding features is contact with the Conference Superintendents, many of whom are doing remarkable work. One is police commissioner in her own city. One is the organizing power behind a citizen's league for good government. One leads the smallest Conference in the connection, Denver, that has done distinguished work for legislation. Another has done great service for the Negroes of her home city in Louisiana, leading the Negro women through a Friendship Community Club; promoting addresses and work for health and morals; organizing a Negro Civilian Relief Association, which took a burden from the white Relief Association, and creating a day nursery for Negro children whose mothers were working in white homes. When the summons came from the Church for her pastor-husband to go to another charge the Negroes of the city met to express publicly their appreciation of all she had done for them.

Western North Carolina leads in number of interracial committees with ninety. Alabama has upward of forty, North Georgia thirty-five, Louisville has twenty actively at work, and twelve Negro community clubs. Texas has fifteen, Louisiana thirteen, and North Texas eleven of these committees. All Conferences having Negroes are moving in this matter. Many report several committees. Tennessee Conference shows good leadership, and South Georgia has demonstrated what an enormous amount of service can be given in the spirit of Jesus throughout a Conference under thoroughgoing, trained, and consecrated leadership.

Although no one envies the post of Superintendent of the Bureau of Social Service, the present incumbent deems it one of the choicest opportunities the Church has to offer. To touch the motive springs of thousands of women, the plain women, the untrained women, many of whom are unconnected with social work in clubs, and to point the way to carrying Jesus's gospel of loving service to the folk whose lives touch theirs; to bring knowledge of new and more efficient ways of lifting our collective life into the cleanness and freedom and joy that Jesus would crave for us; to lead them into fearless Christian citizenship; even to impel them to take a few steps along these paths is an inspiring task.

It is difficult to see results because no one can direct specifically the steps to be taken at one time in the mountain, the prairie, the city, and the seaside community. All we can do is to suggest typical situations and give pattern experiences. Out of the needs of the local community must come the inspiration of the hour to the auxiliary superintendent.

The woman's missionary auxiliary, in the present form of its organization and service, is not fitted for the solution of the problem of the rural community. The small numbers making up the congregations of the country Church, the far distances of the rural by-ways, and the lack of training in organized effort are insuperable difficulties in the way of the extension of the missionary social effort.

At present, the Home Demonstation Agent is in most places the sole leader in bringing the women together for consideration of matters of social welfare. With better roads and transportation, Church organizations should become increasingly effective. One of the fallacies of our day is that which declares the decay of the rural Church. Absentee landlordism is destroying some rural Churches, but our statistics will show that where the rural Church is composed of home owners it is making the most rapid growth of any section of our great Church. This wonderful field must be occupied by the Women's Missionary Society.

We respectfully recommend that a commission of five be appointed to study this problem in all its aspects and report back to this body some feasible plan for the development of our rural work.

Through the declaration of unconstitutionality of the Federal Child Labor Law the responsibility rests upon us as Southern women of seeing that adequate State laws are passed. We recommend that this be made a special charge for the Department of Social Service.

Through the failure of the Dyer Bill, we have taken up the challenge to have State laws passed that will punish this crime effectively. The action taken by the Social Service Superintendents and other Church leaders at Atlanta is recommended for adoption by this body.

The disclosures of very general abuses and medieval standards in jails, prisons, convict camps, and county homes causes us to ponder on our superficial concern in the past for these institutions for refuge and punishment. In addition to visits and religious services, we recommend that the social service committees institute investigations into the cleanliness, decency, moral conditions, and humanity of treatment accorded the in-

mates of county institutions and coöperate with the other forces of the community for needed reforms.

To carry forward these and other purposes, we recommend a plan for federation of social service superintendents in districts and cities.

Since some of the social service work of the auxiliaries require financing, we recommend that this be done by special contributions or by coöperation with the local work committee.

Social Service Activities in Conferences.

Alabama.

Shut-ins carried to church by motor corps. Two auxiliaries conducted playground games twice a week at settlement. Seven auxiliaries took government bulletins to families of undernourished children. Several promoted nutrition in schools. One conducts afternoon of games and stories for school for defectives. Two do definite juvenile court work. One has sewing class for women at cotton mill. Girl sent to Vashti. Hundreds of magazines and books taken to prison library. Friendly visiting and work with institutions.

Negro Work.—Program given club on "Proper Diet for Growing Children." Negroes taught sanitation. Negro women helped to organize. Literature distributed. Two auxiliaries sent women to Welfare Conference. Two taught training class of Sunday school teachers. Juniors made scrapbooks for children. Thirty-six auxiliaries did work of some kind with or for Negroes. Forty interracial committees. One district and four local Federations.

Baltimore.

Many report active work in Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Mass meeting promoted for city government. Relief work for miners. Literature sent mountaineers, Negroes, and to convict camps. Sewing for children in Emergency Home. Supports deaconess in settlement, also helper. Collecting funds for 1923 Daily Vacation Bible School. Work done for Community House and Friendship House. Some work for immigrants. Fine Immigrant Club. Juniors wrote railroad companies asking that safety gates be installed with results. Coöperated with Crittenden Home, Red Cross, King's Daughters, Union Mission, Juvenile Court, County Leagues, and Board of Health. Hospitals, Mothers' Clubs, Public Library. Two district Federations.

Central Texas.

Much relief work done, much friendly visiting to sick and needy. Christmas cheer and coöperation. Four district Federations.

Denver.

Six auxiliaries in Conference. Five report social service committees. Three subcommittees on legislation worked for Mother's Pensions Law and enforcement of prohibition. One detailed to work with juvenile court and to find homes for delinquents, heretofore done only by Catholics.

Organized Daily Vacation Bible School in Mexican quarters. Americanization work. Cared for family. Services at County Home. Coöperated with League of Women Voters, Federation of Clubs, Red Cross, Y. W. C. A., W. C. T. U., Good Citizens' Club, Law Enforcement.

East Oklahoma.

One conducts nursery for mothers at Sunday morning service time. Organizes Sunday schools. Personal work in institutions. Community Christmas work.

Negro Work.—Sent literature to women. Two visited schools to learn needs.

Florida.

Daily supply of milk sent babies. Books sent children. Improved condition of workers in crate mills. Attended city councils. Visited jails, juvenile courts. Did public health work. Helped in vocational schools, Detention Home and in Key West Mission.

Kentucky.

One organized class for studying nutrition questionnaire. Investigation of housing, sanitation, schools, playgrounds. Two worked for law enforcement. One worked for Age of Consent Law. One worked for bond issue. Three worked in community Sunday schools. One worked for cleaning up vice district. Helped enforce prohibition. House of ill-fame closed by efforts. Sought to have prize fights prohibited. Aided in release of person falsely accused. Had trachoma patient successfully treated.

Young People.—Organized some rural Sunday schools. Several report community Bible study. Maintain and conduct a free library in church room. Story hour for children. Sewed for typhiod fever patient and helped equip city health nurse. Aided at a Negro clinic. Started movement to remove sick boy detained at jail. Helped in public playground. Made layette. Negro women invited to attend district meeting. Negroes assisted in starting library. Medal contest promoted. Two gave literature. One gave a program. Three coöperated in Community Clubs.

Little Rock

Coöperated in community sings, illiteracy and anti-tuberculosis campaigns. Worked for disabled soldiers. Playground work. Supplied reading matter and Christmas trees. Coöperated with many other social agencies. Juniors filled Christmas stockings. Negro and interracial work. Phyllis Wheatley Home helped.

Louisiana.

Six campaigned for health. Movies closed on Sundays. Pictures censored. Recreation provided for young. Five closed pool rooms. Stopped sale of vile literature. Secured ordinance against improper shows. Started

clubroom for young men. Eleven Community Clubs for Negroes and three for immigrants.

Louisville.

Social barriers lifted and poor and neglected brought to Sunday school and church. Much work for white tenants. Matron placed in depot. Organized community games, recreation promoted for young. "Family Pews" reinstated.

Young People gave Bibles, loads of wood, Christmas trees, dressed child to go to school and girl for graduation; nursery for Church-going mothers conducted. Flowers carried to institutions. Young women's boarding place freshened. Helped in Negro institute. Helped get school term for Negro children extended. Four district Federations.

Memphis.

Uniform, simple dress secured in high school. Worked with County Election Board. Eleven promoted Clean-up Week. Inquired into health conditions. Placed children of irresponsible mother in Christian homes. Secured community nurse. Helped enforce Sunday closing law. Health campaigns. Held cottage prayer meetings. Assisted Daily Vacation Bible School. Organized Home Demonstration Club. Put books in railroad waiting room. Organized Law and Order League. Assisted in County Fair for Negroes and Negro Parent-Teachers' Association. Organized Negro Community Club. One interracial committee.

Mississippi.

A number directed health campaigns and worked for better sanitation and investigated housing. Many provided recreation and others tried to influence parents to unite against unchaperoned automobiling. Excellent work done by Bible story groups. Conducted services in hospitals and jails, held neighborhood prayer meetings. Seven Negro community clubs. One immigrant community club.

Missouri.

Active in preventing sale of narcotics to youths, with results. Distributes Sunday school literature to children in remote places. Furnished Mexican parsonage. Many helped the needy. Many are doing work among the Mexicans. Helping provide school lunch for Mexican children. Assisted in closing pool rooms and Sunday amusement resorts. Juniors take care of little children during Church services.

New Mexico.

Clean-up campaigns. Studies stimulated action in other clubs. Helped establish a tourist park where the sick can live through the summer. Two community clubs for Mexicans.

North Alabama.

Investigation of needy families. As result of study investigating moving pictures before allowing children to attend them. Two girls furnished

scholarships at Vashti. Girls sent to State training school and interest continued. Homes opened for entertainment of young people. Assist in maintaining a rest room for shoppers in a town. Coöperated in maintaining a sewing class and day nursery in mill village. Three children sent to Aid Society. Family carried to clinic, clothed. Sick boy removed from charity hospital and cared for. Employment found for men. Milk furnished children of widow. Secured health program for school and milk furnished children needing it. Secured coöperation of town council in clean-up campaign, and improvement of streets and living conditions in Negro quarter. Secured better sanitation. Special effort made in eradication of social evil. Union Sunday school organized near factory, management coöperating. Literature sent rural schools. Friendly visits to untrained mothers. Much constructive work done by Birmingham auxiliaries in juvenile court, Old Ladies' Home, Children's Aid Society (State), City Welfare Department. State Training School for Girls. Boys' industrial school, Hospitals and many other institutions and agencies. Much visiting, large sums contributed. Coöperated with Ensley House. Red Cross, Coöperative Home. One Negro community club. One Negro immigrant club. Two district Federations.

North Arkansas.

Two baby clinics. Four schools lunch. Three school health campaigns. Two seeking information on Baby Week program. Coöperated with school boards, town councils, home demonstration agent, probation officers, Red Cross nurse. Six assisted in passage of ordinances or laws. Girl sent to Vashti. Home found for tuberculous boy. Four orphan children located in Christian homes. Rest room established for country women. Rural Sunday school organized. Seven worked with Negroes. One worked with immigrants.

North Carolina.

Worked on election day. School bond election worked for. Several worked for health in county and cities. Several held cottage prayer meetings. Several did hospital work. One has a member of the committee on each civic and welfare organization in the city. Coöperated with woman's club in community betterment. Lunches furnished for school children. Layettes for poor cases. Community sings. Special committee appointed to make survey of sanitary conditions. Homes for five children secured. Old ladies from Home taken to church each Sunday. Deep wells dug for pure water supply. Girl cared for at Brevard. Night school work. Volunteer teaching in slums. Y. W. C. A. work. Religious literature distributed. Immigrants helped in the town. Health demonstration promoted. Negro Community Club. Colored women cared for. Crippled child carried to Orthopedic Institute. Work secured for blind man enough to support him. Hospital visits. Assisted county nurse in work for tuberculosis patients. Juniors helped at white Christmas, visited sick, helped needy.

North Georgia.

Coöperation along lines suggested by Council. Committees on schools; on friendly visiting. Help with programs and meetings for discussion of public health and welfare. Nine organized rural societies. Fourteen exchanged courtesies with rural Church women. Coöperated with city police department, municipal welfare league, Associated Charities, W. C. T. U., Parent-Teachers' Association, Federation Clubs, League of Women Voters, King's Daughters, Colored Y. W. C. A. Young People did work for public health and recreation, schools and settlements, institutions, hospitals, assisted truant officers, taught classes in night schools and settlements, transported patients to clinics, distributed literature, held cottage prayer meetings for white and colored, and coöperated with Boy Scouts. Juniors carried flowers and trays to sick and shut-in, visited in hospitals, sang carols, helped provide Christmas tree. Took care of church and school grounds, fair play in schools and sports. Sent literature to colored schools, day nurseries, clean-up campaigns.

North Mississippi.

Placed scales in school. Clean-up campaign. Every stranger visited. Every member doing personal service (town of 500). Established rest room for country women. Visited Negro missionary society, giving helpful literature. Ordered health leaflets from State board for Negroes. Distributed literature among Negroes. Sent box of supplies to Negro school. Helped support Negro Community Club. Secured State physician to address people on health. Secured address on moral training of children. Organized rural missionary society. Exchanged courtesies with rural women. Young People carried flowers to Wesley House. Juniors carried flowers to sick, picture books sent to China. Showered pastor

North Texas.

Ten interracial committees. Twenty Community Clubs for Negroes, eighteen for immigrants. One District Federation. Mexican Sunday schools organized. Survey made of Mexican neighborhoods. Coöperated with Mothers' Clubs, Betterment Leagues, Red Cross, Parent-Teacher Organizations, Civic League, Health Committee. One worked in elections.

Northwest.

Two committees on legislation encouraged members to vote. Two helped many needy to find work. Secured talk on Negro question. Has volunteer worker in Welfare Bureau. Visited county institutions and called attention to unsanitary conditions. Helped girls' boarding home. See that children of careless mothers attend school. All visit sick and strangers. Coöperate with juvenile courts, Parent-Teacher Circles, Red Cross.

Northwest Texas.

All reporting have social service committees. Hot lunch served in two schools. Two working with county demonstration agents for girls'

and Community Clubs. Four working with Negro women in missionary societies and Community Clubs. Rest rooms established. Schools and churches secured for Negroes. County agents secured. Sunday baseball opposed. Three assisted in ordinances on Sunday closing and control of amusements. Opened one Mexican school. Secured Bible reading in some schools. Community nurses. Free clinics. Free library. Health centers. Working for better moral conditions among the young. Sewing classes for immigrants. Eight exchanged courtesies with rural Church women. Two Church Federations. Juniors keep flowers on church lawn, help Mexicans. Coöperate with Red Cross, League of Women Voters, Parent-Teacher Association, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Federation of Clubs, Demonstration Agents.

Pacific.

Visiting sick and strangers. Clean-up campaigns.

Pacific, Los Angeles District.

Protested against noon dancing at high school, with results in several places. Protests against bad film. Protests against vile actor. Several visits to council in interest of public morals. Two served on juries and election boards. Worked for Rescue Home. Promoted Home for mothers and dependent children. Assisted in Mexican mission. Worked for Negro church. Three coöperated with welfare leagues, several with W. C. T. U., Parent-Teacher Associations, Y. W. C. A., and Anti-Saloon League.

South Carolina.

Coöperated with welfare board in breaking up immoral resorts. Coöperated with other Church people to drive out whisky. Had several children operated on for tonsil trouble. Six coöperated with Parent-Teacher Association. Three coöperated with civic leagues, five with League of Women Voters, three held services in jail. Building up sanitary conditions in community. Seeing that children attend school. Worked up a school clinic. Three are doing some work with Negroes.

South Georgia.

Systematic visiting and personal service in jails, stockades, poorhouses, convict camps, orphanages, Door of Hope, Old Ladies' Home, day nurseries, and Detention Homes. Flowers and trays to sick. Cottage prayer meetings with shut-ins. Secured homes for two dependent old ladies. Distributed literature. Secured women to vote for school bonds. Helped to finance a night school. Established library for factory people. Health campaign in schools, with the follow-up work. Supplied necessary books and clothes to put poor children in school. Put five children in orphan's home, providing for them clothes and physical and dental examinations. Secured treatment for factory children in sore-eye epidemic. Secured playground for mill children. Secured equipment for playground. As-

sisted in day nursery and clinic for mill children. Organized Bible classes for boys and girls. Helped find homes for two delinquent girls. Assisted the county welfare board with its work. Coöperated with Y. W. C. A., Women's Club, Nurses' Association, W. C. T. U., Crittenden Home, Social Service Federation, Traveler's Aid, Social Service Committee of Church, Parent-Teacher Association, City Council Board of Health, Chamber of Commerce. Helped to enforce compulsory education law. Effort to secure better Sunday-closing laws. Resolutions to county paper protesting against failure to enforce prohibition. Public address on prohibition. Coöperate with Parent-Teacher's Association to secure juvenile court and detention ward for white women. Helped to secure probation officer and juvenile court. Secured law requiring sanitary toilets. One hundred women voted against wet candidate. Secured rest room for country people. Helped form cemetery association. Clean-up campaign. Survey and investigation of jail; county farm; schools; mill section. Interracial Community club; distributed literature; secured rest room; helped to organize Negro coöperative home; organized Negro social service committee; presented to board of education sanitary needs of Negro high school; established Negro clinic, reporting 130 operations; secured Negro public health nurse; assisted in getting Negro playground; helped Negro missionary societies with their work, meeting with them, giving literature, etc.; attended meeting of Negro Parent-Teacher Association, giving talks on food and sanitation; charity; met with Negroes at rally resulting in better race feeling; helped plan for new schoolhouse for Negro children; interviewed judge and chief of police to secure freedom of innocent negro boy; community sing for Negroes; established day nursery in cabin on big plantation, caring for children of cotton pickers; gave talks on sanitatiion to eight Negro groups; committee visited Negro school; Bethlehem House.

Southwest Missouri.

Workers furnished Vacation Bible School. Three gave services in Community Leagues. Worked for playgrounds for Negroes. For whites. Organized community and mothers' clubs. Young People investigated conditions of workers in garment factory, and kept children in school. Negro and Immigrant Community Clubs. Helped in county elections. Helped pass ordinance against dance halls. One city Federation.

St. Louis.

Hot lunches served in schools. Follow-up work done in family welfare work. Literature and sewing materials furnished county jails. Special work among Negroes. One district federation. Much work done in St. Louis District for institutions. Visits to hospitals, Settlements, Old Folk's Home, Blind Girl's Home, juvenile court, and sick and shut-ins. Gifts to needy. Literature distributed. Girls taken for recreation. Old folk given automobile ride and festival. Mothers' Clubs organized. Big sister and Americanization work. Negro Church helped. Members served dinner to unemployed men for five weeks.

Tennessee.

One district federated, visited jail, juvenile court, and investigated housing conditions. Work in settlements, visits to sick and poor. Petitioned council to close filling station Sundays. Many held meetings, visited sick distributed books and magazines. Secured home for needy girl. Secured employment for unemployed. Many are furnishing loan chests to be used by the needy. Several coöperated in clean-up week and worked for better homes. Many work at settlement home. Held child health conference. Helped in night school. Established community house in mill district. Sewing and cooking taught to women and girls. Big Sister to industrial school girl. Coöperated with Good Will Industry. Helped in teaching domestic science. Many visit jails and institutions distributing literature. Educating girl at Vashti. Helped in prison reform work. Many auxiliaries provided entertainment for children, young people, and aged. Several have assisted in story-telling and playground work. Organized mothers' club, and story hour for children. Many have visited non-Christian people. Several work for better motion pictures. Secured rest room for Negroes, a toilet for them in courthouse. Young People read to aged. Juniors swatted flies, cared for young children. Entertained rural Church women. Juniors "swatted flies" and tried to play happily together. One district federation.

Texas.

Securing daily Bible reading in schools. Conferences with city officials in regard to family health conditions. Free clinics established. Daily Vacation Bible school established. Playgrounds established. Civic work, planting churchyard. Two Mexican missions maintained. Rest rooms for rural women established. Work in jail and benevolent institutions. Negro trained for Boy Scout work. Fifteen interracial committees. Recreation room for boys. Ten Negro Community Clubs, ten immigrant clubs. Work for day nursery for Negroes. One district federation.

Upper South Carolina.

Encouraged attendance on school for illiterates. Held services for chain gang, in jails and county homes. Five visited hospitals, detention homes, and orphanages. Caused health officer to inspect town. Sent mission study books to Negro club. Made scrapbooks for children's clinic. Held story hour. Assisted in passage of laws on sanitation in town.

West Oklahoma.

Helped orphanage and men at county farm.

Western North Carolina.

Two auxiliary committees went to school board and got better playgrounds and had streets leading to Negro schools improved. Religious services held in jails and county homes, convict camps, reform schools,

rescue homes. Worked with juvenile court. Two worked for passage of school bond elections. Many did relief and friendly visiting and sent gifts at Christmas. Coöperated with business Women's Club, public welfare officers, public health nurses, Y. W. C. A., Crittenden Home, town councils, ninety-six interracial committees.

West Texas.

Fifty-eight interracial committees. Ten community clubs for Negroes. Ten community clubs for immigrants. Promoted good roads and sewer system, hot school lunches. Worked for censorship for pictures. Thirteen assisted in passage of ordinances and laws. Assisted in State health work. Sold Christmas seals. Visits to sick, distributing literature and visits to institutions. Sewing and cooking classes and Sunday schools for Mexicans.

Western Virginia.

Worked for better legislation on pictures. Visits to sick, one cared for foreign woman in childbirth. Visited in jails, hospital, and county home. Coöperated with Red Cross, Betterment Association, Girl Scouts. Sent workers to playgrounds, community sings, helped in sewing class and cooking class, worked for antituberculosis. Helped Travelers' Aid.

Virginia.

Free kindergarten for children of foreign-born and mothers' club. Classes for immigrant mothers of public school children. Boys' clubs and sewing and cooking classes for girls of foreign parentage. Work for censorship of pictures. Nutrition work for undernourished children. Young People did good work in investigation of community health.

THE MISSIONARY VOICE.

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, EDITOR.

The record of the year 1922 in the offices of the *Missionary Voice* and in the experiences of your editor does not vary materially from that of the previous years save in that to each new period of time come new aspirations and new ambitions for an ever-increasingly vital publication, and larger success in every line open to a missionary journal. Growing pains are the common lot of world Christians, and a missionary editor who moves along complacently year by year, seemingly satisfied if the resisting currents do not overwhelm the small boat, can hardly class himself, or herself, a world Christian.

Pictures of a really great missionary paper have etched themselves out through mental processes. It would be filled with the thoughts of great writers and thrilling stories of men and women the world over who are planting the gospel in all lands. Could dreams come true, your missionary paper would visit you weekly and bring you tidings of great things wreathed in attractive colorings and illustrated by great artists.

This admission by the way!

As to actual facts, your editors and business agents are most comfortably and elegantly housed in the new Lambuth Building, in adjoining offices and in easy access to the offices of the Department of Literature and of Home Cultivation. These accommodations greatly facilitate editorial work and make it more and more fascinating.

There come to the desk of your woman editor many letters of appreciation of the efforts made to supply information and stimulus to readers and promotion to auxiliary and Conference organizations. These are the basis, the bone and sinew of missionary work for the womanhood of our Methodism, and no part of the monthly preparation is done with greater interest than that which is designed to make them more effective.

One expression of this appreciation is the ready response to calls for coöperative effort on the part of *Voice* Agents and other officers of societies. The appeals issued from the office have met with enthusiastic response in every case. This spirit of working together is the significant feature, and we are led to believe is one rare in journalism, of the relationship existing between the *Voice* staff of editors, business agents, and auxiliary agents and members. "One Body We." "In Union is Strength." A sure foundation is thus established, and a basis of circulation which many periodicals in the Church and out of it would be glad to feel under their feet.

Nor does the spirit of coöperation stop here. No appeal for contributions, whether from Secretaries, missionaries, deaconesses, or interested friends of the cause has gone unheeded. Indeed, many articles for publication come unsolicited. These are desired and appreciated. Items of fresh missionary interest from Conference, district, and auxiliary organizations are needed to keep all parts of the work in touch and to provide stimulation to one another. You are hereby requested to send them and to request your members to forward short, spicy news stories and items for publication.

The subscriptions to the magazine in January, 1923, doubled those of the same month in 1922. The circulation at this time is 43,000, which is in advance of last year's record. The deficit of the year is about the same as last year, and has been met by the departments of the Board.

Missionary Calendars were announced for sale in the fall, and in January and February were given as premiums on new subscriptions and renewals. They proved to be popular attractions, and will doubtless be offered again this year. Old and young, bishops and laymen and lay women asked for them, and the office was astir from "early morn to dewy eve" and far into the night with filling orders. Many expressions of delight in the *Calender* and of the value in the home and auxiliary have been received.

Through the medium of this report your business agent speaks to you of causes of delay in receiving the paper. She is far more competent to locate them than the editor, and her valuable suggestions are given space here with the hope that they will have your attention and will be held as reference when you are called on to answer to some subscriber who wants to know "Why I do not receive my paper."

On account of the unprecedented increase of subscriptions in January, 1923, the supply was exhausted on January 14, and your 1923 subscription began with February instead of January.

Orders for number of copies to be printed each month is given three weeks in advance of subscriptions received.

February number was delayed to about four thousand on account of delay in *Calenders*, which were to go out from here under one wrapper.

It seems that many do not know that the monthly program is published in the issue of the previous month and complain that they do not receive it in time for the meeting, when examination of their copy would show them not only program, but material to use in the monthly meeting.

On account of broken machine and noiseless platforms to be made after moving in the Lambuth building, eight thousand names have not yet been printed and many requests for revised lists cannot be furnished before April 20.

When the necessary information is furnished, the trouble can, in nearly every case, be located, corrections made, and dates extended.

The information desired is as follows: Names with full correct addresses, when and by whom subscriptions were sent, and the exact number of copies due each one.

The *Voice* comes under second-class matter and may not be considered as valuable or as important as the first class by all postmasters, and therefore does not receive first consideration.

Some husbands and fathers and brothers, not knowing how wives and daughters and sisters value their missionary paper, carelessly drop it, or fail to deliver it. Ask them for it.

The outlook is encouraging. Day by day all interests of our great missionary work are stabilizing. Our Mission Board is doing a great business, and its monthly organ will keep pace with its movements.

COMMISSION ON RACE RELATIONSHIPS.

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN.

According to the instruction of the Council in its last session, your Commission on Race Relations has been organized into a Quadrennial Commission and its officers duly elected.

Meetings.

Four meetings have been held during the year for the making of plans and policies. It has also arranged and assisted in numerous meetings throughout our territory.

It took part in securing the attendance of women from the Conferences at the Social Service Conference of the Church held at Junaluska last August, with Bishop Cannon, Jr., in charge. In this Conference the interracial work was presented, and under the guidance of the Council Social

Service Superintendent the women present gave special study to methods for Conference and auxiliary interracial work.

In harmony with the action of the Council, it has coöperated with the Commission on Interracial Coöperation in the State meetings on race relations by providing for the attendance of the District Secretaries and Conference officers at the State meetings. Thereby our leaders, at small cost, have been able to take advantage of the nation-wide speakers and other experts who are in these meetings in the several States.

Perhaps the most outstanding work of the Commission during the past year was the Interracial Conference held in Atlanta, December 4, 5, 6. Seventeen social service superintendents and three superintendent proxies were present. Thus it will be seen that twenty Conferences east of the Mississippi River were officially represented. In addition to these there were present a number of Council officers and women from near-by States, towns, and local missionary societies.

The program of this conference included the presentation of two of the mission study books by Mrs. McCoy and Miss Haskin. Men and women prominent in the work of the kingdom spoke on: "Christianity and Race Relations," "The Nation and Race Relations," "The World and Race Relations," "The Social Teachings of Jesus," "Negro Achievement," "Negro Education," and "Homes for Delinquent Negro Girls."

Another interesting feature of the program was "A Demonstration: the Wealth of God's Hills," by Prof. George Carver, of Tuskegee Institute, the Negro scientist, whose ability and achievements have attracted the attention of the world.

The primary object of this conference was to present to the Conference social service superintendents who could be present the principles and methods in this field of work and to stress the importance of working out the plans previously sent out by the Social Service Superintendent of the Council for auxiliary committees.

Literature.

Five pieces of literature for the help of the auxiliary committees were issued in 1922. Owing to a combination of circumstances, they did not reach the auxiliaries in time to produce results before the closing of the annual report. They are now being more widely used, and the Commission is ready to prepare further practical helps as soon as needed.

All of the work of your Commission cannot be reported, because much of it has been the personal study by theCommission itself in its efforts to find a way by which all could reach an attitude in keeping with the Christian responsibility which is upon us. The progress may seem slow, but it has been sure, and to-day we are finding throughout the South that it is the desire of our women to meet this responsibility in the spirit of Christ. Miss Bennett often reminded us that all new plans require three years to percolate the body of the Church. Therefore we do not feel disheartened that more has not been done, but rejoice that in this, the third year, we may expect more definite returns.

Conclusion.

The last issue of our monthly *Bulletin* says: "Miss Bennett begged the women of Southern Methodism to work out plans and policies for race relationships that would bring forth a spirit of Christian brotherhood such as the world has never known." Alongside this historic statement of Miss Bennett, we to-day place a like statement of Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, known, loved, and revered as few women in Methodism have been. She once said: "The field of all others for the care and labors of Southern women is the mission to the colored people. O, that I may see the day when this field shall be given to the care of Southern Methodist women and they be made strong in the Lord to do this noble work." (For many years on Sunday afternoons in Auburn, Ala. Mrs. Dowdell taught a large class of Negro women to read the Bible.)

It has been said: "It would be infinitely greater to lead the world in interracial good will than in international finance."

Your Commission feels that such passion, such consecration as is expressed by these quotations is but a call to us from those we have known and loved to follow on.

When Conference officers and Social Service Superintendents get this conception of our world task, then will our auxiliary committees be formed, then will your Commission be ready to suggest next steps, and we will move forward to that goal so often enunciated by our great leader: "Bring forth a spirit of Christian brotherhood such as the world has never known."

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

J. L. Cuninggim, President.

In bringing to you my report for the past year I wish, first of all, to express my deep appreciation of the generous coöperation of my coworkers, to whose loyalty and labor the year's progress is largely due; and to voice my deep gratitude to God, whose gracious blessing has been so richly bestowed upon our efforts.

The Closing Months of the Twenty-ninth Session.

A gratifying feature of the closing months of 1921-22 was a perceptible development of the religious life of the school. This, no doubt, was in part due to the attendance of the young women upon the meeting of the Council at San Antonio. Following the Council, special services were held during the pre-Easter week for the purpose of helping the students to clear up their intellectual problems and to deepen their spiritual experience. These services were followed by private interviews with a good number of the young women, which resulted, I have reason to believe, in a definite quickening of spiritual life on the part of some individual students and a finer religious atmosphere in the school at large. As a result, the closing weeks of the session were among the best and happiest of the year.

The Twenty-Ninth Commencement.

The program of the twenty-ninth Commencement included the usual Sunday features: the sermon to the senior class, which was preached by the President at eleven o'clock, and the communion service in the afternoon, led by Professor C. B. Duncan. In the evening a special consecraton service was conducted by the President, at which time three missionaries and nine deaconesses were consecrated. On Monday and Tuesday the usual Commencement features were carried out. The baccalaureate address was delivered on Tuesday evening by the former President, Dr. Ed F. Cook, following which thirty-eight young women received their diplomas, four the certificate covering two years' work, and five a certificate covering one year's work. This was the largest number of young women going out from Scarritt in any one year during its history.

Student Enrollment for 1922-23.

The enrollment of students, numbering seventy-six, shows considerable falling off from the record of last year. Among the chief reasons for this decrease I think we might name: The unsettled condition of the missionary work of the women prior to and following the General Conference; the agitation touching the removal of Scarritt, resulting in a disposition on the part of prospective students to postpone their training till the matter is settled; the widespread discussion of biblical and theological questions, in which Scarritt has come in for its part of criticism.

The students at present enrolled are classified as follows:

	Diploma.	Certificate.	Total.
Seniors	22	17	39
Juniors	19	14	33
Specials	..	..	4
Total			76

The previous training of the students was as follows:

College graduates	19
Graduates of junior college, or students having two years of standard college or the equivalent	18
Normal school graduates	6
Students having one year college work or the equivalent	6
High school graduates with normal or business training	17
Students with less than high school education	10
Total	76

The classification by States is indicated by the following exhibit:

Alabama	6
Arkansas	3
California	1

Florida	2
Georgia	4
Kansas	1
Kentucky	3
Louisiana	1
Mississippi	5
Missouri	6
New York	1
North Carolina	7
Oklahoma	3
South Carolina	8
Tennessee	2
Texas	11
Virginia	6
West Virginia	3
Washington, D. C	1
Japan	1
Brazil	1
Total	76

Changes in Faculty.

For the present session a number of changes have been made in the teaching force. In keeping with the action of the Board a year ago, a second teacher, Miss Rose C. Talbott, has been secured for the Department of English Bible, thus materially strengthening that department. We are fortunate in having Dr. J. W. Cline, formerly President of Soochow University, in the Department of Missions. Dr. Cline is giving instruction also in Christian Doctrine. In addition to these two instructors, who are giving full time to the school, several others are employed for one or more courses. These are: Mrs. I. T. Cameron, who is giving courses in Home Missions; Mrs. R. E. Peters, in Plays and Games; Miss Nellie Stewart, in Physical Culture; Miss Helen Hobbs, in Public Speaking; Miss Anna Baskin, in Domestic Science: Miss Olga Hofaker, in French; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, in Spanish, and Mr. Chalmers Fithian, in Religious Pageantry. The other members remain as they were last year.

Modification of Course of Study.

The action of the Board of Managers a year ago changing the courses of study was put into practice this session, so that instead of having a Graduate and an Undergraduate Course, we now have a Diploma and a Certificate Course. The Diploma Course is open to students whose academic training has equaled at least two years of a standard college course. The Certificate Course is designed for those who cannot enter the more advanced course, and is open to those who have at least the equivalent of a high school diploma, and to any others recommended by the Candidates

Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council. The rearrangement of the courses has, on the whole, proved very satisfactory. Both the Diploma and the Certificate Courses have been enriched by the introduction of additional subjects. Among these are special studies in Home Missions, Christian Doctrine, Public Speaking, Religious Pageantry, and Physical Training.

Practice Service.

One of the important educational features of our work is the Practice Service, in which the students have an opportunity to try out in a practical way the teachings of the classroom. The students are given definite assignments of field work, and they are required to give a written report weekly to the Supervisor of Practice Service. At the regular report hour, held bimonthly, the several teachers explain how the classroom instruction is related to the Practice Service, problems are discussed, and plans made for better work.

The following statement will give in statistical form some of the work accomplished during the year:

Number of students filling regular weekly appointments.	72
Number of appointments filled weekly	79
Number of appointments filled during the year	2,115
Number of visits made through these appointments	3,329
Number of different centers in which regular appointments were filled	20
Number of different denominations in which regular appointments were filled	3
Number of different interdenominational centers in which regular appointments were filled	4
Number of different nationalities of centers in which regular appointments were filled	3

Health Conditions.

The arrangement made last year to have a regular school physician to examine all students on entering the school and to care for all students when in need of medical attention has proved very satisfactory. Under this plan all Juniors were examined in the fall; and whenever any physical trouble was discovered, steps were taken to remedy the condition by means of operation, medical treatment, physical exercises, or better nourishment. The special examination of the Seniors, preliminary to their making application for missionary service, was made by Dr. J. Archie Robertson, our special medical adviser, and the results were reported in detail to the Candidates Committee.

Home Life.

On account of the smaller number of students in attendance this year, the amount of money available for the household department has been

considerably less than last year. But with careful management and rigid economy the House Director has been able to provide a very satisfactory table. In other respects the smaller attendance has made living conditions more comfortable than last year, when the students were very much crowded.

We have reason for deep gratitude in the fine religious life of the school. Many of the students who for the first time at Scarritt come face to face with the problems of historical Bible study are for a time disturbed and distressed. It is a matter of great regret that they should undergo such experiences, but exceedingly fortunate that they can be met, if they are to be met at all, in an atmosphere so deeply and vitally religious as is the life at Scarritt.

Graduating Class.

The present indications are that we shall have thirty-six students graduating this year with the regular diploma, and five others will receive a certificate covering one year's work or more, a total of forty-one. Of this number, fifteen have been accepted for work in the foreign fields, nine are expecting to take up home work, six will be occupied with responsibilities at home at least for the present year, and eleven are expecting to continue their preparation for service at home or abroad.

Financial Assets.

The present assets of the Training School consist of the building and grounds, which, according to a recent appraisal, are valued at $75,000; the school furniture and fixtures, valued at $12,000; the President's home, $8,250; and other miscellaneous assets amounting in round numbers to about $12,000—a total of $107,250. In addition to these property values, mention should be made of the Scarritt Askings, amounting to $200,000, included in the Centenary campaign, of which amount $94,000 is already in hand; and the $150,000 Askings for Scarritt included in the Educational Campaign, of which $11,100 has been received.

The Future Scarritt.

At the meeting of the Council a year ago, as you will recall, you had before you a report of a committee proposing a program of missionary preparation for the Church as a whole. After adopting various recommendations of the report, you authorized your Executive Committee to act in conjunction with the Board of Missions in making such additional provision for missionary training as might be thought necessary, and further expressed the conviction that Scarritt Bible and Training School should serve the Church as a part of the Church-wide program of missionary preparation, with the proviso that it "shall have a place of service entirely worthy of its past record and that the Scarritt name, the school traditions, and the spiritual character, which are among the richest assets of Scarritt Bible and Training School, shall be carefully preserved in the new organization."

In keeping with the action of the Council, the Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, appointed a Joint Committee to give further consideration to the program of missionary training and to suggest a completed program for the Church. The report of that committee was laid before the Board of Managers of the Training School and was heartily approved. It has been referred by your Executive Committee to the Council and is now before you for your careful consideration.

This is not the time to discuss the report in detail, but it may be permissible to say that the program proposed is the result of careful study, thorough investigation, and prolonged discussion. It is in keeping with the conviction of the Board of Managers of the Training School, first expressed two years ago, that the school ought to be moved to some more advantageous location. It is in perfect accord with the action of the Council a year ago seeking to relate the school to the Church-wide program of missionary training, at the same time preserving the name and spiritual assets that mean so much to the womanhood of the Church. And, finally, it is a step toward the realization of the vision of our sainted leader, who was one of the first to advocate the removal of the school and its reorganization for a larger and broader service to the Church.

BOARD OF MANAGERS, SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

Thirty-Second Annual Session.

EUGENE R. HENDRIX, PRESIDENT; MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, SECRETARY.

The thirty-second annual session of the Board of Managers was held in the parlors of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo., at ten o'clock January 22, 1923. Every member was present but three. The honored and beloved Vice President, Miss Belle H. Bennett, who was absent in the body, present with the Lord; Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, who was ill; and Mr. J. C. Gant, Sr., detained by business that demanded his attention that day.

Bishop Hendrix presided through the day. Mrs. F. F. Stephens was elected Vice Chairman to render assistance to the President during the meeting, if necessary. After the devotional service, in which Bishop Hendrix read the first Psalm and Mr. Scarritt offered prayer, the order of business, which was prepared by the Secretary, was read. It called for reports of officers and standing committees.

Reports were made by Executive Committee, President, Treasurer, Auditor, and accountants, also report of Student Loan Committee, Lectureship Committee, and Committee on Audits. The report of the Joint Commission on Missionary Preparation was read by Mrs. Steele, Secretary of that Commission.

To expedite business, the Board was, on motion of the Vice Chairman, divided into three committees. It was also decided that these committees consider not only the recommendations already presented, but all other items of business that might need consideration. The committees named

were Committees on Endowment, Removal, and Miscellaneous Business. The Presidents were left free to give assistance to various committees.

The members of the Board of Managers whose term of service ended in 1923 were: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, and Mrs. Luke G. Johnson. On motion of Dr. Cuninggim, the election of a successor to Miss Bennett was deferred until after the session of the Woman's Missionary Council. Mrs. Henry S. Owen and Mrs. Luke Johnson were elected for three years, subject to ratification by the Woman's Missionary Council.

The officers were elected for one year as follows: President, Bishop E. R. Hendrix; Secretary, Miss M. L. Gibson; Treasurer, Dr. J. L. Cuninggim; Chairman of Audit Committee, Mrs. H. S. Owen. The election of Vice Chairman was deferred. The Committee on Loan Fund was reëlected. The Board adjourned for committee work at 11:45 A.M., to meet again at 2:30 P.M.

During the noon recess the members were entertained at luncheon in the Senior Library and enjoyed rare fellowship and a dainty and appetizing luncheon.

At two o'clock an interesting event took place in the chapel, in which faculty and student body had been seated before the Board of Managers were summoned. A beautiful service had been planned to celebrate the unveiling of two portraits, gifts to the school, the portrait of Miss Belle H. Bennett, presented by the Secretaries in Nashville, and that of Miss Maria Layng Gibson, a gift from the faculty and students of 1922 and 1923. Mrs. Hume R. Steele presented the portrait of Miss Bennett and Miss Mary Ora Durham that of Miss Gibson. Mrs. Stephens accepted both gifts on behalf of the Board. The hallowed associations that were indissolubly connected with the ascended leader of Woman's Missionary work made the service a sacrament.

At 2:30 P.M. the Board of Managers resumed business. After prayer by Miss Howell, the report of the Student Loan Fund was read by Mrs. Owen, Treasurer, and a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Owen for her faithful discharge of duty. The Board adjourned for one hour to give the Committee time to complete reports, and at 4:15 returned to hear the report of the Committee on Miscellaneous Items. Two memorial items were adopted by a rising vote, and the Secretary of the Board was requested to prepare a suitable memorial to be sent to the family of Miss Bennett.

Mrs. Eugene R. Hendrix.

Whereas Mrs. Eugene R. Hendrix, one of the truest friends of Scarritt, has been called away; and whereas we miss to-day the fragrance of her gentle loving spirit, therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we offer our gratitude to God for the gift of this precious life during these years, and that we enshrine her memory in our hearts and strive to lead our young women to emulate her loyalty and graciousness in all the relations of life.

Miss Belle H. Bennett.

Our hearts are grieved anew as we meet in this the first Board meeting without the presence, leadership, and inspiration of our glorified Vice President, Miss Belle H. Bennett. It is impossible to express in words the loss sustained by us in her going. We pray that her mantle, with a double portion of her spirit, may fall upon some chosen leader; that the work she loved may go forward and her vision of the great preparation of lives for the healing of the nations may come to its fruition. As members of this Board, we consecrate ourselves this day to this task in memory of her.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. J. W. DOWNS,
MISS ESTHER CASE.

Before the discussion of the reports had ended, the Board adjourned till 8 P.M. A delightful hour was spent in the attractive home of President and Mrs. Cuninggim, where members of the Board and the faculty had been invited to take supper together.

At eight o'clock the Board met to finish the business of the session, as four members would leave on the morning train. Mrs. Stephens, Vice Chairman, presided.

The reports were continued. An item from the Auditor's report in regard to insurance was referred to the Executive Committee for action.

In the report of the Committee on Endowment Mr. Scarritt offered a substitute for Item 2, which was adopted: "We recommend to the Council Committee the raising of one million dollars as a memorial to Miss Belle H. Bennett and that her name be given to the institution provided for thereby."

The report of the Committee on Removal was discussed at length. Mr. Scarritt spoke forcefully against the removal of the school from Kansas City. He had been providentially hindered from attendance at the meeting where removal was voted for, and he wanted to express his deep regret at the thought of losing the school. The item under discussion was adopted.

The item from the Treasurer's report asking that $9,000 of Scarritt funds be appropriated for maintenance and that the annual appropriation of $25,000 be continued was adopted.

At 11 P.M. the business was completed and the meeting closed with gratitude to the Woman's Missionary Council for continued support and constant aid and with thanksgiving to God for his abundant mercies during thirty-two years.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Maria Layng Gibson, Secretary.

The Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School presents to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session its record of

business transacted by the Board and by its Executive Committee during the year 1922.

The Executive Committee held four meetings and transacted business as follows:

Two items referred by the Board of Managers in annual session.

1. *Salary.*—To rightly represent value received by resident members of the faculty who are provided room and board in addition to salary and nonresident members receiving salary alone.

Voted that $50 per month for the school session, representing room and board, be added to the salaries paid to teachers entitled to those concessions.

2. *Value of Property.*—Present value of Training School building and property had been estimated by a subcommittee and report was accepted as follows:

Voted: Value of building and property, $75,000; value of equipment, $12,000.

3. *Repairs.*—Estimate on painting exterior of building was considered.

Voted to refer estimate to committee of Miss Olmstead and Mrs. Owen, with power to act.

Proposed work on boiler next discussed.

Voted to refer to committee composed of Mrs. Owen, Mr. Gant, and Miss Olmstead, with authority to make necessary repairs based on report of inspector.

4. *Athletic Grounds.*—Dr. Cuninggim stated that the lot used by the school for two years had been sold, making change of base necessary. He read a letter from Mr. Charles W. Scarritt granting the use of a lot equally desirable in situation and extent owned by him. The committee accepted and highly appreciated Mr. Scarritt's generous kindness and suggested that the Athletic Fund may be able to meet any needed expenditures.

In July the meeting was memorable as a memorial to the Vice President of the Board of Managers since its organization, the honored and beloved Miss Belle H. Bennett. Bishop Hendrix presided. An account of the funeral service was given by Miss Gibson, who had gone to Richmond to attend the funeral. Beautiful tributes were paid the peerless woman, whose memory will be immortalized by her service to the world and her crowning gift of service to Scarritt.

Mrs. Owen reported that the floral tribute from the Executive Committee had been sent to Richmond in time for the services, and the Secretary described it as very beautiful and greatly appreciated by the family of Miss Bennett.

In November the third meeting was held to consider a letter from Dr. Marvin Haw, presiding elder of the St. Louis District, asking for a pledge of $35 from the Training School as its share in the expenses of a State committee established by the Churches of Missouri to secure relief through the new State Constitutional Convention from restrictions upon religious corporations in the existing charter of Missouri.

Section 8 of Article 2 of the Constitution was read; also provisions in

reference to religious corporations suggested in lieu of Section 8, Article 2. It was stated that this action has the approval of the various religious bodies in Missouri.

Voted that the pledge asked for by Dr. Haw ($35) be given by the Treasurer.

Voted that President Cuninggim send a letter to the delegate to the Constitutional Convention from the Kansas City District asking him to urge in the Constitutional Convention the repeal of Section 8, Article 2, of the present Constitution.

Dr. Cuninggim stated that, after consultation with members of the committee, he had introduced the study of Religious Pageantry into the curriculum.

Voted to approve the President's action.

The last meeting of the ExecutiveCommittee had for its purpose to change the date of the annual meeting of the Board of Managers from the prescribed date, the last Wednesday in January, to Monday, January 22, 1923. The purpose of the change commended itself to the committee—*viz.*, to insure the attendance of the members of the Board of Managers who are Secretaries of the Board of Missions, and who had been instructed to make no engagement that would conflict with their service on the Centenary drive. The regular date would conflict; the earlier date would not.

Voted to authorize the Secretary to fix the date of this year for January 22, 1923.

These meetings represent the business receiving action by the Executive Committee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

DEACONESS AND CITY MISSION WORK.

Report No. 1.

The committee recommends for consecration to the office and work of deaconess: Miss Lila Mae Campbell, Miss Addie Greely, Miss Annie Price, Miss Mamie Robinson, Miss Margaret Young, Miss Minnie Webb.

The committee recommends for consecration as home missionaries: Miss Muriel Bell, Miss Carmen Blessing, Miss Ola Gilbert, Miss Lois Hatcher, Miss Lillie Hendricks, Miss Belle Hennen, Miss Nellie Howard, Miss Annie Lewis, Miss Alice McLarty, Miss Olivia Miller, Miss Eva Joe Phillips, Miss Mildred Ragan, Miss Annie Rogers, Mrs Lena Sitton, Miss Nettie Stroupe, Miss Ethel Wells.

We recommend the renewal of the certificates of the following deaconesses: Deaconess Annie Alford, Deaconess Pattie Allen, Deaconess Josephine Berglund, Deaconess Lillie Black, Deaconess Grace Brewer, Deaconess Emma Burton, Deaconess Fannie Bame, Deaconess Florence Blackwell, Deaconess Cora Borchers, Deaconess Bertie Breeden, Deaconess Rosa Breeden, Deaconess Ruth Byerly, Mrs. Selden Bryan, Deaconess Elah Cannon, Deaconess Rachel Cantrell, Deaconess Ellen Cloud, Deaconess

Jennie Congelton, Deaconess Hazel Cooper, Deaconess Bertha Cox, Deaconess Elizabeth Cox, Deaconess Mattie Cunningham, Deaconess Mary Daniel, Deaconess Elizabeth Davis, Deaconess Dorothy Dodd, Deaconess Rhoda Dragoo, Deaconess Josephine Dreyer, Deaconess Willa Duncan, Deaconess Jennie Ducker, Deaconess Daisy Duncan, Deaconess Mary Ora Durham, Deaconess Bess Eaton, Deaconess Maria Elliott, Deaconess Berta Ellison, Deaconess Moselle Eubanks, Deaconess Connie Fagan, Deaconess Maude Fail, Mrs. R. W. Freeman, Deaconess Ellen Gainey, Deaconess Grace Gatewood, Deaconess Helen Gibson, Deaconess Cornelia Godbey, Deaconess Aletha Graham, Deaconess Gertrude Grizzard, Deaconess Laura Harris, Deaconess Mary Hasler, Deaconess Willena Henry, Deaconess Juanita Hill, Deaconess Gaye Hoke, Deaconess Ella K. Hooper, Deaconess Dora Hoover, Deaconess Frances Howard, Deaconess Ethel Jackson, Deaconess Cleta Kennedy, Deaconess Mabel Kennedy, Deaconess Mary Kimbro, Deaconess Mary Lee, Deaconess Sarah Lowder, Deaconess Frances Mann, Deaconess Mary Ella McCall, Deaconess Selina Monohan, Deaconess Glenn Moore, Deaconess Mary Nichols, Deaconess Emily Olmstead, Deaconess Constance Palmore, Deaconess Lillian Parker, Deaconess Adeline Peeples, Deaconess Margaret Ragland, Deaconess Bithiah Reed, Deaconess Falla Richardson, Deaconess Rosalie Riggin, Deaconess Daisy Ritter, Deaconess Mae Sells, Deaconess Alice Sheider, Deaconess Eugenia Smith, Deaconess Ida M. Stevens, Deaconess Elizabeth Taylor, Deaconess Berta Thomas, Deaconess Lois Tinsley, Deaconess Annie Trawick, Deaconess Emma Vogel, Deaconess Eva Waddell, Deaconess Wilhemina Wahlroos, Deaconess Kate Walker, Deaconess Jane Wilkinson, Deaconess Mattie Wike, Deaconess Mollie Womack, Deaconess Mattie Wright, Deaconess Nell Wynn.

We recommend the appointment of the following deaconesses and home missionaries:

Deaconesses.—Miss Bessie Allen, Miss Pattie Allen, Miss Fannie Bame, Miss Josephine Berglund, Miss Lillie Black, Miss Florence Blackwell, Miss Cora Borchers, Miss Bertie Breeden, Miss Grace Brewer, Miss Emma Burton, Miss Lila Mae Campbell, Miss Elah Cannon, Miss Rachel Cantrell, Miss Ellen Cloud, Miss Jennie Congelton, Miss Hazel Cooper, Miss Bertha Cox, Miss Mary Daniel, Miss Dorothy Dodd, Miss Rhoda Dragoo, Miss Willia Duncan, Miss Daisy Duncan, Miss Mary Ora Durham, Miss Bess Eaton, Miss Maria Elliott, Miss Berta Ellison, Miss Moselle Eubanks, Miss Connie Fagan, Mrs. R. W. Freeman, Miss Grace Gatewood, Miss Aletha Graham, Miss Helen Gibson, Miss Addie Greely, Miss Gertrude Grizzard, Miss Laura Harris, Miss Mary Hasler, Miss Willena Henry, Miss Gaye Hoke, Miss Ella K. Hooper, Miss Dora Hoover, Miss Frances Howard, Miss Ethel Jackson, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Miss Mary Kimbro, Miss Mary Lee, Miss Sarah Lowder, Miss Frances Mann, Miss Frankie Miller, Miss Mary Ella McCall, Miss Glenn Moore, Miss Mary Nichols, Miss Emily Olmstead, Miss Constance Palmore, Miss Adeline Peeples, Miss Margaret Ragland, Miss Annie Price, Miss Bithiah Reed, Miss Falla Richardson, Miss Rosalie Riggin, Miss

Daisy Ritter, Miss Eugenia Smith, Miss Mamie Robinson, Miss Ida M. Stevenson, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Miss Berta Thomas, Miss Lois Tinsley, Miss Annie Trawick, Miss Eva Waddell, Miss Wilhelmina Wahlroos, Miss Kate Walker, Miss Minnie Webb, Miss Jane Wilkinson Martha Wike, Miss Mollie Womack, Miss Nell Wynn, Miss Margaret Young.

Home Missionaries.—Mrs. Julia Action, Miss Mabel Alexander, Miss Katherine Arnold, Miss Muriel Bell, Miss Carrie Bond, Miss Ella Bowden, Miss Carmen Blessing, Miss Bessie Brand, Miss Bessie Bunn, Miss Sallie Carrier, Miss Mae Coburn, Miss Sue Cole, Miss Emily Cowley, Miss Dorothy Crim, Miss Ethel Cunningham, Miss Minnie Davis, Mrs. Grace Driver, Miss Minnie Lee Eidson, Mrs. J. C. Fields, Miss Sue T. Ford, Miss Helen Gardner, Miss Ola Gilbert, Miss Jessie Drew Gill, Miss Lois Hatcher, Miss Lillie Hendricks, Miss Belle Hennen, Miss Nellie Howard, Miss Annie Lewis, Miss Martha Lewis, Miss Edith Leighty, Miss Ura Leveridge, Miss Nell McClain, Miss Alice McLarty, Miss Olivia Miller, Miss Susie Mitchell, Miss Ida J. Moore, Miss Martha Nutt, Miss Eva Joe Phillips, Miss Carrie A. Porter, Miss Mildred Ragan, Miss Annie Rogers, Miss Grace Rowland, Miss Oscie Sanders, Miss Carobel Shearouse, Mrs. Lena Sitton, Miss Agnes Stackhouse, Miss Nettie Stroup, Miss Estelle Wagoner, Miss Ethel Wells, Miss Laura White, Miss Florence Whiteside.

The committee recommends that the following be granted leave of absence:

Deaconess Annie Alford (family), Deaconess Selden Bryan (family), Deaconess Rosa Breeden (study), Deaconess Elizabeth Cox (family), Deaconess Mattie Cunningham (health), Deaconess Frances Denton (study), Deaconess Josehpine Dreyer (family), Deaconess Maude Fail (health), Deaconess Ellen Gainey (family), Deaconess Juanita Hill (family), Deaconess Cleta Kennedy (study), Deaconess Lillian Parker (health), Mrs. E. L. Souby (family), Deaconess Emma Vogel (family).

The committee recommends that the following be continued on the retired list: Mrs. Mary B. Alexander, home missionary; Miss Elizabeth Davis, deaconess; Miss Elizabeth Hughes, home missionary; Miss Mattie Wright, deaconess; Miss Selina Monohan, deaconess.

That the following be transferred to the Foreign Department: Miss Ruth Byerly, deaconess; Miss Amelia Elerding, home missionary; Miss Cornelia Godbey, deaconess.

That Miss Frankie Miller be reinstated as a deaconess.

That the case of Deaconess Alice Sheider be referred to the committee on Retirement and Relief.

That the following be released: Miss Cora Godat, deaconess (married); Miss Mary Alice Taylor, unclassified (personal); Miss Mary Hanscome, deaconess (no report); Mrs. M. J. Adams, home missionary (personal).

Report No. 2.

Concerning Regional Conference in Interest of City Mission Work.

Whereas the recognition of the increasing responsibility of City Mission Boards for disadvantaged peoples and the rapid growth of cities demand an

enlarged program for City Mission Work; and whereas there is need for greater efficiency in City Mission Work and for close coöperation between the woman's missionary work as a whole and the local work of the City Mission Boards; and whereas an exchange of ideas and methods in missionary work tends to secure greater efficiency and closer coöperation—therefore we recommend:

1. That a series of regional conferences be held in the interest of City Mission Work.

2. That the time, place, and all other arrangements for holding these conferences be determined by a committee of five, of which the Administrative Secretaries of the Board of Missions, Woman's Department, Home Section, shall be members.

3. That all City Mission Boards within a given region shall be requested to send their Presidents and Treasurers as accredited delegates, and as many other delegates as may be desirable. Council members and Conference Superintendents of Social Service within the bounds of a given regional conference shall also be accredited delegates.

Report No. 3.

Concerning the Refund.

Whereas under laws governing City Mission Boards (Twelfth Annual Report, page 355, Section 6, Item 2) the Council is authorized to make a refund of ten per cent to all City Mission Boards expending $60 or over each month for current expenses; and whereas conditions in cities and in the organization of City Mission Boards have changed, requiring an adjustment of the distribution of this fund; therefore we recommend:

That Item 2 of Section 6, page 355, be stricken out and the following be substituted:

"City Mission Boards employing one or more Council workers shall file their vouchers with the Treasurer for Woman's Work and with the Secretary of the division in which the City Mission Board is located, and all applications for appropriations shall be considered and acted upon by the Estimates Committee, as are all other appropriations."

This provision shall take the place of the ten per cent (10%) refund.

APPOINTMENTS OF DEACONESSES AND HOME MISSIONARIES.

Atlanta, Ga.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Frances Howard, Deaconess Mary Nichols.

Augusta, Ga.: Bethlehem House, Deaconess Sarah Lowder, Miss Allie I. Cobb.

Augusta, Ga.: Paine College, Miss Carmen Blessing, Deaconess Mary Ella McCall.

Baltimore, Md.: City Mission Board, Deaconess Wilhelmina Wahlroos.
Wilkens Avenue, Pastor's Assistant, Miss Carobel Shearouse.

Birmingham, Ala.: Ensley Community House, Miss Dorothy Crim.
Eva Comer Home, Deaconess Falla Richardson.
Avondale Mill Church, Miss Ethel Cunningham.

Negro Work, Miss Jessie Drew Gill.

Biloxi, Miss.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Berta Thomas, Miss Mabel Alexander.

Third and Fourth workers to be supplied by Miss Priscilla Freeland, Miss Sallie Ellis.

Blytheville, Ark.: Jonesboro District, Deaconess Willena Henry.

Board of Missions, Woman's Work, Literature Department, Deaconess Emily Olmstead.

Brevard, N. C.: Brevard Institute, Miss Emma R. Miller, Deaconess Pattie Allen, Miss Lillie Hendricks.

Bristol, Va.: State Street Church, Deaconess Jennie Ducker.

Bridgeport, Tex.: Mexican Work, to be supplied.

Charlotte, N. C.: Duncan Memorial, Deaconess Fannie Bame.

North Charlotte, N. C.: Spencer Memorial, to be supplied by Miss Henrietta Logan.

Charlottesville, Va.: First Church, Miss Helen Gardner.

Chattanooga, Tenn.: Centenary Church, Deaconess Helen Gibson.

City Mission Board, Deaconess Elizabeth Taylor.

West Virginia Coal Fields: Bluefield District, Deaconess Mollie Womack, Deaconess Kate Walker, Deaconess Lois Tinsley, Miss Estelle Wagoner, Deaconess Bess Eaton, Deaconess Frank Miller.

Seventh and eighth workers to be supplied by Miss Mallie Muncy, Miss Agnes Stewart.

Hartshorne, Okla.: Head Resident Brooks Institute, to be supplied, by Deaconess Grace Brewer.

Schulter, Okla.: to be supplied.

Picher, Okla.: Miss Eva Joe Phillips.

Wilburton, Okla.: Miss Susie Mitchell.

Thurber, Tex.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Rhoda Dragoo.

Columbia, S. C.: City Mission Board, Miss Edith Leighty.

Corsicana, Tex.: Church Worker, to be supplied by Mrs. Mary McClure.

Dallas, Tex.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Bessie Allen.

Mexican Work, Deaconess Mamie Robinson, Deaconess Mary Hasler.

Supervisor Negro Work, Miss Alice McLarty.

Danville, Va.: Wesley Community House, Miss Sue Cole, Miss Sarah Riley; Kindergartner, to be supplied.

El Dorado, Ark.: Church Worker, Miss Florence Whiteside.

Fort Worth, Tex.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Frances Mann, Miss Bessie Bunn.

Greeneville, Tenn.: Holston Conference Orphanage, Miss Belle Hennen, Miss Olivia Miller.

Helena District, Ark.: Rural Work, Miss Minnie Lee Eidson.

Houma, La.: French Work, Deaconess Ella K. Hooper, Mrs. Laura White.

Third worker to be supplied by Miss Effie K. Fauver.

Houston, Tex.: Coöperative Home, Deaconess Mary Daniel, Deaconess Grace Gatewood.

City Mission Board, Mexican Work, Miss Nelle McClain.
Houston, Tex.: First Church, Deaconess Bithiah Reed,
Jackson, Miss.: Church Worker, Capitol Street Church, Mrs. Lena Sitton.
Galloway Church, Deaconess Addie Greely.
Kansas City, Mo.: Institutional Church, Deaconess Florence Blackwell, Deaconess Dorothy Dodd, Deaconess Lila Mae Campbell, Miss Marguerite Voight.
Spofford Home, Deaconess Daisy Ritter, Deaconess Mae Sells.
Third worker to be supplied by Miss Janie Lou Moore.
Scarritt, Deaconess Mary Ora Durham.
London, Ky.: Sue Bennett, Miss Ophelia Bobbitt, Miss Mildred Ragan, Deaconess Emma Burton.
Key West, Fla.: Ruth Hargrove Settlement and School, Deaconess Mattie Wike, Miss Lola Bell.
Third worker to be supplied by Miss Sarah Malone.
Knoxville, Tenn.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Eva Waddell, Deaconess Rachel Cantrell.
Laredo, Tex.: Holding Institute, Miss Ura Leveridge, Miss Muriel Bell.
Lexington, Ky.: Coöperative Home, Deaconess Maria Elliott.
Lexington, Mo.: Central College, to be supplied.
Los Angeles, Cal.: Homer Toberman, Deaconess Josephine Berglund, Deaconess Ellen Cloud, Deaconess Glenn Moore, Miss Minnie Davis.
Louisville, Ky.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Elah Cannon, Deaconess Rosalie Riggin.
Third worker to be supplied, by Miss Bess Rhodes.
The Temple, Miss Nellie Howard.
Macon, Ga.: Door of Hope, Deaconess Mary Etta Freeman, Mrs. J. C. Field.
Memphis, Tenn.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Connie Fagan.
First Church, Mrs. Grace Driver.
Meridian, Miss.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Constance Palmore.
Second worker to be supplied by Mrs. Irene Boaz.
Mobile, Ala.: City Mission Board, Deaconess Dora Hoover.
Montgomery, Ala.: City Mission Board, Miss Ida J. Moore.
Murfreesboro, Tenn.: Wesley Community House, to be supplied by Miss Maggie Cox.
Nashville, Tenn.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Nelle Wynn, Miss Mae Coburn, Deaconess Bertha Cox.
Bethlehem House, Miss Martha Nutt.
Centenary Institute, Deaconess Hazel Cooper, Miss Annie Lewis, Miss Ethel Wells.
New Orleans, La.: St. Mark's Hall, Deaconess Berta Ellison, Deaconess Margaret Young, Miss Annie Rogers.
Fourth worker to be supplied by Miss Rieke.
First Church, Deaconess Ida M. Stevens.
North Mississippi Conference.: Rural Work, Miss Bessie Brand.

Oklahoma City, Okla.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Annie Trawick.
Second worker to be supplied by Miss Celia Parsons.
Orangeburg, S. C.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Gertrude Grizzard, Deaconess Jennie Congelton.
Pacific Coast: Oriental Work, Mrs. Julia Acton.
Phoenix, Ariz.: Church Worker, Miss Emily Cowley.
Portsmouth, Va.: City Mission Board, Deaconess Aletha Graham.
Richland, W. Va.: Pastor's Assistant, to be supplied by Miss Magda Walker.
Richmond, Va.: Methodist Institute, Deaconess Mary Lee, Deaconess Bertie Breeden.
The Wilson Home, Deaconess Adeline Peeples.
Roanoke, Va.: City Mission Board, Deaconess Daisy Duncan.
San Antonio, Tex.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Eugenia Smith, Deaconess Minnie Webb.
Third worker to be supplied by Miss Annie Reil.
San Francisco, Cal.: Mary Elizabeth Inn, Deaconess Ethel Jackson, Miss Grace Rowland.
Wesley Community House, Deaconess Mary Kimbro.
St. Joseph, Mo.: City Mission Board, to be supplied by Miss Florence Bigelow, Deaconess Annie Price, Miss Carrie Graham.
St. Louis, Mo.: Centenary Church, Deaconess Mabel Kennedy, Deaconess Gaye Hoke, Deaconess Willia Duncan.
Kingdom House, Miss Nettie Stroup.
Second worker to be supplied by Miss Mary Glendenning.
Shreveport, La.: Pastor's Assistant, Deaconess Margaret Ragland.
Spartanburg, S. C.: Wesley Community House, Miss Agnes Stackhouse.
Second worker to be supplied by Miss Belle Simrill.
Third worker to be supplied by kindergartner.
Somerset, Ky.: Church Worker, Miss Ella Bowden.
Tampa, Fla.: Rosa Valdes Settlement, Miss Katherine Arnold.
Second worker to be supplied by Miss Golda Runkle.
Third worker to be supplied by Mrs. Lola Ozeguera.
Wolff Settlement, Deaconess Cora Borchers, Miss Martha Lewis, Miss Carrie A. Porter.
Third worker to be supplied by Mrs. Balmaceda.
Fourth worker, to be supplied.
Urban Bird Clinic, Mrs. Carrie Bond.
Thomasville, Ga.: Vashti Indistrial School, Deaconess Laura Harris, Deaconess Moselle Eubanks, Deaconess Janie Wilkinson, Miss Ola Gilbert.
Waco, Tex.: Rebecca Sparks Home, Deaconess Lillie Black.
Williamsburg, Va.: Miss Lois Hatcher.
Student Secretary to State Schools, Miss Oscie Sanders.
For Study, Miss Verdie Anderson.

MISS MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Chairman*;
MISS LEE BRITT, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE CANDIDATES COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1.

Your Committee has considered the report of the Candidates Committee of the Board of Missions and presents the following report:

Ten meetings were held during the year. Sixty-eight candidates were accepted for missionary work in the home and foreign fields.

Eight missionaries and four contract workers were accepted for service under the General Foreign Department.

Eighteen foreign missionaries and three contract teachers were accepted for service under the Department of Woman's Work, Foreign Section.

Eleven missionaries will be consecrated at this meeting of the Council, and seven will take further preparation.

Miss Helen Hardy and Miss Margaret Rue, of the Virginia Conference, having met the requirements of the Council, were accepted by the Committee and sailed during the year. Miss Hardy was appointed to Brazil and Miss Rue to China.

Five deaconesses, nineteen home missionaries, and two indorsed workers were accepted for work under the Department of Woman's Work, Home Section.

Miss Carrie Porter was accepted as a home missionary and appointed to work in Tampa, Fla

SECTION 2.

Your Committee presents the following young women for consecration at this meeting:

Foreign Missionaries.—Miss Lillian Wahl, Paris, Ark., North Arkansas Conference; Miss Cornelia Crozier, Fayetteville, Ark., North Arkansas Conference; Miss M. Elston Rowland, Washington, D. C., Baltimore Conference; Miss Clara Howard, Kathleen, Ga., South Georgia Conference; Miss Constance Rumbough, Lynchburg, Va., Virginia Conference; Miss Anne Peavy, Byron, Ga., South Georgia Conference; Miss Alma Brandt, R.N., Appleton, Wis., St. Louis Conference; Miss Moselle Tumlin, Marietta, Ga., North Georgia Conference; Miss Mary Belle Winn, Ridgeway, S. C., South Carolina Conference; Miss Blanche Hauser, R.N., Pfaffton, N. C., Western North Carolina Conference; Miss Margaret Preston Light, Romney, W. Va., Baltimore Conference; Miss Edna Potthoff, R.N., Houston, Tex., Texas Conference; Miss Mabel Jetton, Shelby, N. C., Western North Carolina Conference; Miss Eva Massey, White Post, Va., Baltimore Conference; Miss Anne Deavors, Paulding, Miss., Mississippi Conference.

Deaconesses.—Miss Addie Greely, Jackson, Miss., Mississippi Conference; Miss Margaret Young, Luray, Va, Baltimore, Conference; Miss Lila May Campbell, Memphis, Tenn., Memphis Conference; Miss Mamie Robinson, Killen, Tex., Central Texas Conference; Miss Annie Price, Bee House, Tex., Central Texas Conference.

Home Missionaries.—Miss Ola Gilbert, Marianna, Fla., Alabama Conference; Miss Lillie Hendricks, Oneonta, Ala., North Alabama Confer-

ence; Miss Belle Hennen, Fairmont, W. Va., West Virginia Conference; Miss Oliva Miller, Rocky Point, N. C., North Carolina Conference; Miss Annie Rogers, Spartanburg, S. C., Upper South Carolina Conference; Mrs. Lena Sitton, Talladega, Ala., North Alabama Conference; Miss Ruth Wyatt, Richmond, Va., Virginia Conference; Miss Lois Hatcher, Baxley, Ga., South Georgia Conference; Miss Nellie Howard, Louisville, Ky., Louisville Conference; Miss Alice McLarty, Vernon, Tex., Northwest Texas Conference; Miss Eva Joe Phillips, Houston, Tex., Texas Conference; Miss Ethel Wells, Lockney, Tex., Northwest Texas Conference; Miss Muriel Bell, Temple, Tex., Central Texas Conference; Miss Annie Lewis, Lexington Ky., Kentucky Conference; Miss Mildred Denton Ragan, Worthville, Ky., Kentucky Conference; Miss Carmen Blessing, Berkeley, Cal., Pacific Conference.

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, *Chairman*;
MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON HOME FIELD.

REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Home Field recommend:

1. (1) That the 1923 Week of Prayer offering for the Home Field be directed to the Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn.

(2) That for the following Home Mission institutions we recommend for appointment as Superintendents: Vashti Industrial School, Miss Charlotte Dye; Sue Bennett Memorial School, Mr. K. C. East; Holding Institute, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner; V rginia K. Johnson Home, Mrs. M. L. Stone; MacDonell French Mission School, Deaconess Ella K. Hooper; Oriental Work, Pacific Coast, Rev William Acton; Port Missionary, Galveston, Tex., Rev. J. E. Reifschneider; Managers Dormitory, Norman, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mercer; Manager Dormitory, Denton, Tex., to be supplied; Bible Teacher, College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex., Miss McQueen Weir; Bible Teacher, State University, Oklahoma, Miss Mary Debardeleben; Brevard Institute, Mr. O. H. Orr as Acting Superintendent until a Superintendent can be secured, Mr. C. H. Trowbridge having been elected President of Weaver College Weaverville, N. C.

2. We further recommend, concerning Boards of Control of Home Mission institutions:

(1) The following as members of the Board of Managers, Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn.: Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Estelle Haskin.

(2) That an Advisory Board for Sue Bennett Memorial shall be composed of the President and the Corresponding Secretaries of the Kentucky and the Louisville Conferences.

(3) That the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference shall constitute a Nominating Committee for a Board of Control of Brevard Institute, and the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Louisiana Conference shall form a similar

committee for MacDonell French Mission School, the nominations to be confirmed by the Board of Missions.

3. Concerning erection of buildings, your committee begs to recommend:

(1) The building of a dormitory for girls at Brevard Institute, from funds available.

(2) The sale of the Homer Toberman Mission property at Los Angeles, Cal., part of the proceeds to be invested in other mission property for Mexicans in Los Angeles and part in Holding Institute.

(3) That the Secretary in charge of Western and Central Division be authorized to inquire into the situation relative to securing possible co-operation from other agencies in the erection of an orphanage for Mexican children at Laredo, Tex.

(4) The erection of a Home Economics Building at Paine College as soon as Centenary funds are collected for that purpose.

(5) The erection of a gymnasium at Sue Bennett Memorial as soon as Centenary or other funds are avialable.

(6) That if Centenary funds be available, a chapel for Japanese may be built at Oakland, Cal.

4. Regarding the opening of new work, we recommend:

(1) That the North Arkansas Conference, Helena District, be permitted to open rural work on the same basis as that of the Jonesboro District, and that a worker be appointed.

(2) That the City Mission Board of Oklahoma City and the Woman's Missionary Society of West Oklahoma Conference be permitted to open Wesley House work, and that workers be appointed.

(3) That the Superintendent of Oriental Work, Pacific Coast, be authorized to open work for Koreans at Reedly, Cal.

(4) That work shall be projected and workers appointed in the McAllister coal fields district at Picher and Schulter, Okla., in the East Oklahoma Conference.

5. Regarding requests and resolutions from Conferences, we recommend:

(1) That the request from the North Georgia and South Georgia Conferences for the employment of a Negro Secretary in State Welfare Department at a salary of $1,200 as a Conference special, be granted.

(2) That the Florida Conference Mission Special of $2,500 may be distributed to include Ruth Hargrove, Key West, with the Rosa Valdes and Wolff Settlements.

(3) The approval of Ferrum, Va., as special of Virginia Conference, this Conference donating not less than $5,000.

(4) That the request from the North Mississippi and North Arkansas Conferences that specials for rural work be included in budget, be not granted.

6. We further recommend:

(1) Concerning the request for donation of $1,000 from citizens of London, Ky., for hospital at Sue Bennett, the Secretary be requested to advise that missionary funds may not be appropriated for local enterprises.

(2) That the alumni memorial to Professor Lewis be decided upon in consultation with the faculty of Sue Bennett Memorial.

(3) That the Secretary in charge of the Western and Central Division be authorized to sell lot across from the Sue Bennett Memorial campus.

(4) That the principle of the Standard Year be retained in the Home Department, Woman's Work, until such time as Centenary obligations are met and the money released in order of askings.

(5) That the new dormitory for boys at Brevard Institute shall bear the name "Frances Ross" in honor of Mrs. F. H. E. Ross.

(6) That the French Mission School, Houma, La., shall be known as "MacDonell French Mission School," as in the case of the Wesley House, in honor of Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.

Report No. 2.

Your Committee on Home Field recommend:

That the Memphis Conference be permitted to open rural work as soon as plans can be perfected and worker is available.

Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, *Chairman;*
Mrs. H. L. McCleskey, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN FIELDS.

Report No. 1.

The Committee on Foreign Fields recommend the adoption of the following items from the agenda.

1. That the Week of Prayer special for 1923 be directed to Laura Haygood Normal School, Soochow, China, for the purchase of land and building for a demonstration school.

2. That the plan for specials be revised by the Secretaries and presented at the next session of the Council.

3. That the proposed plan of making McTyeire School, in Shanghai, China, a college be referred to the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions.

Report No. 2.

The Committee recommend:

1. That the action of the last session of the Council pertaining to the residence for missionaries in Shanghai be rescinded and that the appropriation revert to the medical work.

2. Your Committee had before it the request of the McTyeire faculty and the Woman's Section of the China Mission that the Council offer a corner of McTyeire Compound, at Edinburg Road, for an episcopal residence, and recommends to the Council that this offer of property be made to the Board of Missions, with the understanding that such agreements shall be entered into by the two Departments of the Board as shall safeguard the interests of McTyeire School as to the uses and disposition of the property.

3. That the salary of missionaries in Japan and Korea be increased to $1,000, and this increase be made retroactive to include the year 1923.

4. That the Woman's Missionary Council enter the Manchuria-Siberia Mission.

5. That the Estimates Committee of the Council be asked to recommend $1,700 a year for four years, beginning with 1925, to continue the work of providing Christian literature in Brazil.

6. That the Council indorse the recommendation of the missionaries in Mexico regarding the support of native evangelistic missionaries by providing one-half of their salary.

7. That the appropriation of 1923 for Centro Cristiano, in Torreon, be shifted to Monterrey for the purpose of strengthening the work there, and that the work in Torreon be deferred for the present.

Report No. 3.

The Committee recommend:

1. (1) That $6,000, or more if necessary, of the interest on Foreign Centenary funds be used to replace that part of the Centenary Askings for Scarritt Bible and Training School which was directed to scholarships, in order that the full amount of $100,000 may be available for the plant, or other expenses of the readjustment.

(2) That the balance of Centenary interest, after making good to the Scarritt fund the amount directed to scholarships in the Centenary, together with the balance of the Contingent Fund for 1922, be appropriated for opening work in the Manchuria-Siberia Mission and the Manchurian-Chinese Mission, provided that other funds may not be available for entering these fields.

(3) That any balance of these funds which may not be needed for the new fields be directed to Mexico for the school building at Parral.

2. That the Woman's Missionary Council open work in the Manchurian-Chinese Mission.

3. That $35,000 of Africa's Centenary fund be shifted to the building in Cienfuegos, Cuba.

4. That the Council assume the support of the missionary nurses in our hospitals in Mexico.

Report No. 4.

1. That the new building of Carolina Institute, Seoul, Korea, in some way bear the name of Mrs. Josephine Campbell.

2. That whenever a missionary on furlough is pursuing a course of specialized study approved by the mission and by the Secretaries of the Woman's Department, it be the policy of the Woman's Missionary Council to be responsible for the cost of tuition. That if possible this provision become retroactive from September 1, 1922.

Mrs. J. H. Dickey, *Chairman;*
Mrs. Preston Hatcher, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Your Sessions Committee on Literature make the following recommendations:

1. That the general topics for study for 1924 be—

(1) *Adult.*—Missionary Topic, "The Illumined Task" or "The New Day in Missions"; Social Service, "Child Welfare."

(2) *Young People.*—"Our Training School—Its Part in the New Day in Missions."

(3) *Juniors.*—Foreign, "Our Next Door Neighbor;" Home, "Toilers from Every Land."

2. We recommend that the Standing Committee on Literature be asked to plan a standardized four year course of study for Juniors.

MRS. W. J. PIGGOTT, *Chairman.*
MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON, *Secretary.*

APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOME FIELD, 1923-24.

Regular Basis	$212,684 67
Centenary (one-fifth Askings)	248,000 00
Unassigned Centenary Askings carried forward as follows, 1920	32,890 00
Unassigned CentenaryAskings carried forward as follows, 1921	12,400 00
Total	$505,974 67

Budget Appropriations—Oriental Work, $15,405; English Work (San Francisco), $936; Mountain Work, $32,833.36; Gulf Coast Work, $18,695; Dependent Girls, $16,693.40; Negro Work, $22,133.50; Delinguent Girls, $15,706; Cuban Work, $13,192.98; Mexican Work, $26,350; Bible Teachers, $3,700; Scarritt, $12,500; Work among Miners, $8,722; Miscellaneous, $7,875; Conference Claims, $3,300; City Missions, $9,188.11; Administration, $45,688; Contingent, $10,634.23; total.....$263,552 58

Centenary Budget Items	50,867 91
Regular income	$212,684 67

Preferred Centenary Askings, 1924.—Holding, $2,741; Dormitories, $9,000; St. Joseph, $25,000; Louisville, $20,000; Scarritt, $60,000; Methodist Institute, $30,000; Negro Work, $71,521.84; Sue Bennett School, $25,000; total.....$243,262 84

APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOREIGN FIELDS, 1924.

Regular basis	$358,417 00
Centenary basis	568,144 00
Total	$926,561 00

Regular Appropriations.—Africa, $2,250; Brazil, $40,427; China, $91,-534; Cuba, $9,627; Japan, $20,066; Korea, $63,193; Mexico, $50,594; Interboard Work, $3,050; Scarritt Bible and Training School, $12,500; Administration and Cultivation, $47,549; Contingent, $17,627. Total, $358,417.

Centenary Appropriations.—Africa, $21,650; Brazil, $150,000; China, $96,513; Cuba, $39,910; Japan, $66,587; Korea, $91,839; Mexico, $101,-634. Total, $568,143.

COMMITTEE ON HOME CULTIVATION.

Report No. I.

Missionary Education.

MISSION STUDY BOOKS FOR 1923-24.

The theme for the year 1923-24 is: Foreign, Japan; Home, Saving America through Her Boys and Girls.

The following books are recommended for study: "Creative Forces in Japan" (Galen Fisher), "The Woman and the Leaven in Japan" (Charlotte DeForest), "Japan on the Upward Trail" (William Axling), "Young Japan" (Mabel Kerschner), "The Debt Eternal" (John H. Finley,) "The Child and America's Future" (J. Stowell).

Juniors.—"The Honorable Japanese Fan" (Margaret Applegarth), "Better Americans" (Joyce C. Manuel).

For Students.—"For a New America" (Coe Hayne).

Report No. 2.

Children's Work.

1. That the Superintendents in their work place greater emphasis on the cultivation of the mothers of the Children's Divisions.

2. That wherever there are week-day sessions of the Bible school we urge coöperation on the part of Children's Work Superintendent, and that an effort be made for correlation, using our programs for missionary instruction

3. That we again call attention to the excellence of our children's periodical, the *Young Christian Worker*, and urge the adult division to aid in the placing of this splendid magazine in the hands of every child in the Church.

4. That we call attention to the children's specials. Baby Division, kindergarten work at home and abroad; Junior Division in home fields, our work among Mexicans in the settlements; in the foreign fields, our work in Centro Cristianos, in Mexico.

5. That the Bennett Memorial be presented to the children in such a way as to secure their interest and offerings.

6. That the following from last year's recommendations be made Standard Rules:

(1) (*a*) That the Conference Superintendent coöperate with the District

Secretaries in planning the children's part of the program at the district meetings.

(*b*) That the Auxiliary Superintendent represent the children at the annual and district meetings, but that the Junior Auxiliary be also urged to send one of its own members as delegate to the district meeting.

(2) That a special effort be made to secure trained leadership by conducting institutes and group meetings, encouraging attendance upon training schools and summer assemblies, and by promoting interdenominational conferences on children's work, even in the local community.

(3) That the Adult Auxiliary be asked to furnish the necessary equipment for children's work, financial assistance for social features, and delegate's expenses to Annual and District Conferences.

Report No. 3.

Young People's Work.

1. That the Young People's Specials for 1924 be the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

2. That, where summer conferences or encampments for the Young People's Missionary Societies of a Conference are not practical, we emphasize the value of group meetings, district rallies, and week-end conferences, with inspirational, educational, and recreational features on the program.

3. That a Probation List be made by Conference Superintendents of Young People on which shall be placed all new auxiliaries when organized. They shall remain there until they have reported for two quarters to the Conference Superintendent and to the Conference Treasurer at least once; they shall then be transferred to the permanent record book. Such auxiliaries shall receive all literature through the regular channels.

4. That the Adult Auxiliary Superintendent of Social Service shall be responsible for aiding and directing the social service activities of the Young People in the community and Church life.

5. That well-established Young People's Auxiliaries assist the District Secretaries by helping to organize new or foster weak auxiliaries through personal visits, providing programs, and sending literature.

6. That the Bennett Memorial be presented to the Young People with enthusiasm, and that they be urged to coöperate in the campaign.

Supplement to Report No. 3.

Mr. Garfield Evans, of the Epworth League Board, brought to your Committee the following resolution passed by the Epworth League Board in session at Nashville, Tenn., January, 1923:

We note with gratification the growing sentiment in the Church which sees the necessity for but one organization in the local Church for young people and but one for junior, outside that of the Sunday school. We recommend that a committee of three persons be appointed by this Board to meet with a similar committee that we respectfully request be appointed

by the Woman's Missionary Council, this committee (joint) to consider on what ground there may be closest coöperation or unification, and to devise ways and means for such procedure. In such matters as may be effected without action of this Board, we recommend that they thus be undertaken at such a time as the committee (joint) may suggest and may be approved by the Administrative Secretaries; and that other matters be referred to the Board for action at their next meeting.

Your Committee recommends the appointment of a committee of three from this body to act with the committee from the Epworth League Board in considering the grounds for closer coöperation or unification and to devise ways and means for such procedure, and that the report be referred to the Woman's Missionary Council at its next session.

Report No. 4.

1. We set forth again the organization and membership goal for the quadrennium—namely:

(1) Two thousand new organizations, of which eight hundred shall be Adult, five hundred Young People, and seven hundred Juniors.

(2) One hundred thousand new members, of which fifty-five thousand shall be Adult, fifteen thousand Young People, and thirty thousand Juniors.

(3) Eight hundred Baby Divisions and fifteen thousand babies.

(4) A regular ten per cent increase in finances each year.

And we urge Conferences and auxiliaries to continue persistently and prayerfully to press toward these goals. That as a means to this end we ask the District Secretaries to emphasize the service to be performed by auxiliaries in organizing and cultivating new societies, and that where separate societies cannot be organized in rural sections circuit societies be organized.

2. That when the growth of auxiliaries makes necessary for convenience in cultivation and service the subdivision of the membership, we recommend that circles be formed and that great care be exercised in all cases that the unity of the organization be preserved and that the several circles keep their activities within the recognized scope of the Woman's Missionary Society.

3. That we enthusiastically indorse the raising of the Belle H. Bennett Memorial Fund, and that we pledge our utmost efforts toward securing such coöperation from our leaders and constituency as will bring fullest success to this effort.

4. We have considered the report of the Home Base Committee of the Board of Missions and note with gratification the provisions made through this section of the Board for full coöperation between all agencies working for the missionary cultivation of the entire Church. We wish to place favorable emphasis on the following points of the plans outlined by this committee and pledge fullest coöperation:

(1) Church Schools of Missions providing for Mission Study Classes for men and women.

(2) Missionary prayer meetings.

(3) Stewardship cultivation.

5. We have heard with heartfelt gratitude the reports of our missionaries regarding their enlarged opportunities due to increased facilities made possible by the Centenary funds. We realize that this new day in our work demands generous gifts of money with which to support the enlarged plants and enterprises and missionary forces. We therefore urge our leaders to cultivate our constituency and the grace of Christian liberality in self-denying giving, so that with the passing of the Centenary our collections shall be sufficient for the support of our work. Moreover, we pledge ourselves and all our women to a deeper life of prayer in behalf of our missionaries and their work, that there may be physical strength and spiritual power sufficient for it.

6. Your committee recommend that Mrs. Lipscomb be given six months to visit the Orient at her own expense, provided she is able to nominate to the Executive Committee of the Council a suitable person to do part-time work in her office, the remuneration for this person to be met by Mrs. Lipscomb.

MRS. L. H. BOWMAN, *Chairman;*
MRS. OTIS E. CARTER, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee on Social Service recommends:

1. That the Woman's Missionary Council indorse the position of the Commission on International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America that the United States should accept its full share of responsibility for bringing about an effective settlement of international problems. The Churches have declared, and must declare, their conviction that generous, unselfish coöperation among the nations is absolutely necessary to cope with the present hunger, strife, uncertainty, and despair of the world. We heartily indorse the proposal of the Commission of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America that the United States government should take the initiative in calling an international conference to consider world conditions, including the tragic situation in the Near East, in the endeavor to bring order and peace to the suffering world.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President and Secretary of State of the United States.

3. That Conference Societies and auxiliaries be urged to adopt similar resolutions and forward the same to the President, the Secretary of State, and to the senators and congressmen of their respective States.

REPORT NO. 2.

Your Committee on Social Service recommend:

1. That we indorse the proposed Federal amendment on child labor which provides that "The Congress shall have power concurrent with

that of the several States to limit or prohibit the labor of persons under the age of eighteen years."

2. That Conference and Auxiliary Social Service Superintendents and Committees lead their women in a study of their State laws concerning the labor of children, and that they work with other agencies for the passage of such laws as may be necessary to fulfill the standard set by the National Child Labor Committee.

3. (1) That Social Service Committees lead their auxiliaries in a study of their State laws relative to prisons, jails, workhouses, delinquent homes, and reformatories.

(2) That they work with other agencies to secure such legislation and adminstration as may be necessary to raise the standards of treatment of prisoners to that held by the American Prison Association.

(3) That they study conditions in county alms-houses, reformatories, jails, and road camps, and take the necessary steps in coöperation with other civic agencies for the correction of any undesirable conditions or abuses.

4. (1) That the Auxiliary Interracial Committees study the facts regarding lynching within their respective States and make the facts public through newspapers, pamphlets, and addresses.

(2) That they study existing State legislation for the prevention of lynching and coöperate with other religious and civic organizations in securing needed legislation, such as provisions for the removal of officers who surrender prisoners to mobs, a State constabulary under the control of the Governor, and the assessment of a fine against the county where a lynching occurs, to be paid as damages to the family of the victim.

(3) That whenever a lynching occurs all possible pressure be put upon the judges, sheriffs, and other officers to bring the lynchers to justice.

(4) That they seek constantly to eradicate from the community racial suspicions and hatreds that make lynchings possible.

Report No. 3.

1. That Social Service Superintendents take membership in their State Conferences for Social Work, in the Commission on the Church, and Social Service or the Methodist Federation of Social Service, and in the National Child Labor Committee.

2. That where no other provision is made a sum be set aside, by vote of the auxiliary, from the local funds to provide such memberships as are desired to cover subscriptions to journals and to meet the incidental expenses necessary to the work of the Social Service Committee.

3. That the Social Service studies and programs for 1923 shall cover certain phases of child welfare.

Mrs. W. J. Piggott, *Chairman;*
Mrs. C. F. Elza, *Secretary.*

SESSIONS COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS.

Report No. 1.

Your Sessions Committee on Race Relations recommends:

1. Whereas the defeat of the Dyer anti-lynching bill, which provided for the Federal control of lynching, has thrown the whole responsibility back upon each State for removing this hideous crime; therefore:

Be it resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Council, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in annual session at Mobile, Ala., April 4-11, 1923, do now demand of the authorities of the several States that they make good their claim proving their competency to abolish mob violence and lynching.

That we assume our responsibility as citizens for the protection of human life and hereby call upon all the people of all the States, upon the pulpit, and upon the press to join in an insistent agitation against this barbarous practice.

2. That we adopt the following methods in carrying forward through the auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society an organized campaign in behalf of adequate State laws and law enforcement.

(1) That the women of the societies, through their Social Service Committees, make a careful study of facts concerning lynching in their respective States.

(2) That they coöperate with other religious and civic organizations in securing adequate legislation for preventing lynching.

(3) That they actively engage in an effort to bring to justice any and all parties guilty of participating in this hideous crime.

(4) That they seek to guard the community against a threatened outbreak of mob violence.

(5) That they seek to make practical the teachings of Jesus Christ by creating a spirit of good will between the races which shall make mob violence impossible.

Report No. 2.

Your Sessions Committee on Race Relations recommends:

1. That we continue our membership in the Interdenominational Interracial Committee and that Mrs. Johnson be our representative.

2. That $1,000 of the appropriation for the work of the Commission be given to the Commission on Interracial Coöperation to aid in the financing of that great movement.

3. That auxiliary Interracial Committees be requested to make a special study of all phases of Negro life in their respective communities, and the Commission authorized to prepare literature to aid in this study.

Mrs. A. B. Smith, *Chairman;*
Miss Estelle Haskin, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council met at the call of Mrs. A. B. Smith, convener, in the Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tenn., November 13, 1922.

The Committee was organized, Mrs. W. J. Piggott being made chairman and Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker secretary.

This meeting was held in obedience to the order of the Council as found on page 36, Annual Report, 1922: "That if the General Conference takes action which requires changes in the By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council, the Executive Committee be empowered to consider and make the necessary adjustments, which shall be referred to the By-Laws Committee for statement and submission to the Council by correspondence."

The report, which includes, with some amendments, the "necessary adjustments" referred to the Committee by the Executive Committee of the Council, together with the Committee's recommendation upon a deferred item from the last session of the Council and a recommendation touching the same question from Miss Haskin, is herewith submitted to the members of the Woman's Missionary Council for immediate consideration, with the request that you send your vote on each item to the Secretary of the Committee.

The By-Laws of the Council were omitted from the Twelfth Annual Report. See note, page 334 of that Report. For comparison with the changes made, refer to Annual Report, 1921, pages 309-315, and the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws as approved by the Council in its last session, Annual Report, 1922, pages 190-193. The changes have been too radical to make feasible the submission of the report concerning the By-Laws of the Council in its usual form.

A. Concerning By-Laws of Woman's Missionary Council.

The Committee recommend that:

1. By-Laws 1 and 2 shall remain as printed on page 309, Annual Report, 1921.

2. By-Law 3 shall be stricken out.

3. By-Law 5 shall be amended by striking out lines 3, 4, and 5 and a portion of line 6, so that it shall read, "The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Council in safe deposit made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts, and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer. She shall make quarterly and annual reports."

4. By-Laws 4, 6, and 7 shall be stricken out and the following inserted following the By-Law concerning the Treasurer: "The Secretaries in charge of Home Cultivation and Candidate Cultivation, who shall be nominated to the Board of Missions by the Council, shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church through the Woman's Missionary Societies.

"(1) The Home Cultivation Secretary in charge of organization of missionary societies shall promote the work through the Council and Conference Societies. She shall receive from the Conference Secretaries reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually. She shall direct the work of the Conference Superintendents of Supplies. She shall develop spiritual resources, including intercession,

family worship, and stewardship, throughout the societies. She shall plan for Conference and special meetings. She shall in every way practicable strengthen the Home Base.

"(2) The Home Cultivation Secretary in charge of publication and publicity shall supervise the creation and publication of leaflet and other literature necessary for the missionary education of women, young people, and children. She shall direct the publicity work of the Council. She shall maintain a repository of missionary literature for sale and distribution, and shall superintend the distribution of literature and supplies necessary for the work of the Conferences.

"(3) The Home Cultivation Secretary in charge of missionary education shall supervise mission study and Bible study. She shall plan for the systematic cultivation of students of Church and State schools. She shall coöperate with other boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in the conduct of assemblies, Conferences, and similar group meetings.

"(4) The Candidate Secretary shall have charge of the enlistment and cultivation of candidates for missionary work, at home and abroad. She shall plan for the systematic visitation of Church and State schools and shall coöperate with other boards of the Church and Christian agencies in the conduct of assemblies, Conferences, and similar group meetings."

5. By-Laws 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, and 17 shall remain as printed on pages 310 and 311.

6. By-Laws 10 and 11 shall be stricken out.

7. By-Law 13 shall be stricken out, and the following substitute shall follow By-Law 16: "The ten women elected at large by the Council, known as Managers, shall extend the work by attending Conference, district, and other meetings when practicable, and shall seek to advance the interests of the work in every way possible. The election of any of these women to the Board of Missions shall not create a vacancy among the Managers."

8. By-Law 18 shall be stricken out and the following substituted therefor:

"(1) The Executive Committee of the Council shall be composed of the officers of the Council, the woman editor of the *Voice*, the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Department of the Woman's Work of the Board of Missions, and three additional members of that department. The Council shall elect these three members by ballot.

"(2) A majority of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

"(3) The Secretaries for Woman's Work shall be notified of all meetings and requested to attend and present the work of their respective departments.

"(4) This Committee shall hold a midyear meeting to review the work of the year and to attend to any other necessary business.

9. Paragraph 1, By-Law 21, page 312, shall be amended by substituting the word "recommend" for the word "appropriate," the word "funds"

for "money," "recommendations," for "appropriations," and "submitted" for "recommend"; so that it shall read:

"(1) The Council in annual session shall recommend funds for the maintenance of its work in all fields, for the expense of administration, and for a contingent fund. These recommendations shall be submitted to the Board of Missions."

Paragraphs 2 and 3 shall remain unchanged.

10. By-Law 20 shall remain as printed.

11. By-Law 21 shall be stricken out.

12. By-Law 22, Standing Committees, Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be unchanged. Paragraph (3) shall be amended by substituting the word "may" for "shall" so that it shall read:

"(3) The Chairman of a Standing Committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses of which shall be met from the treasury of the Council."

13. The Committee on Educational Institutions shall be stricken out.

14. The following shall be substituted for the Committee on Candidates:

"STANDING COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES.

"(1) There shall be a Committee on Candidates which shall consist of the women constituting the subcommittee on candidates of the Department of Woman's Work.

"(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to act upon applications from deaconesses and from foreign and home missionary candidates. Should the candidate meet the requirements adopted by the Council, her papers shall be accepted and she shall be accepted and referred with recommendations to the Committee on Missionary Candidates of the Board of Missions.

"(3) It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine the papers of applicants for scholarships. Applicants shall meet the requirements of the Council before being recommended for scholarships. An applicant either for a gift or loan scholarship shall present her papers to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which she lives. If the applicant meets the requirements of the Council, her papers shall be forwarded to the Candidate Secretary of the Board of Missions, Woman's Work, who shall present them to the Candidates Committee of the Board of Missions.

"(4) It shall be the duty of this committee to act on all applications for Conference scholarships for both home and foreign fields and to make recommendations to the Candidates Secretary of the Department of Woman's Work."

15. The following shall be substituted for the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work, Paragraph 1 having been recommended by the Committee on By-Laws as a substitute for the paragraph as referred by the Executive Committee:

"Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.

"(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work, which shall consist of eleven members, one of whom shall be the President of the Council and five of whom shall be members of the subcommittee on Deaconess Work of the Department of Woman's Work of the Board of Missions.

"(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to arrange for the employment and support of deaconesses and home missionaries, and to make recommendations to the Board of Missions through the Department of Woman's Work.

"(3) It shall be the duty of the Committee to promote the deaconess movement and make such recommendations to the Woman's Missionary Council as will make effective the provisions for the deaconess work, set forth in Paragraph 479, Discipline of the Church, Article VIII of the Constitution of the Board of Missions."

16. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws remains unchanged.

17. The following shall be substituted for the Committee on Literature:

"Standing Committee on Literature.

"(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Literature composed of the superintendents of Bureaus, Secretary of Home Cultivation in Charge of Publication, and two members from the Council.

"(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to plan the programs and literature ordered by the Council and to assist in their preparation.

"(3) This Committee shall function through the Sub-Committee on Home Cultivation of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions."

18. The following shall be substituted for the Committee on Estimates:

"Standing Committee on Estimates.

"There shall be a Standing Committee on Estimates for home and foreign work, consisting of the President, the Vice President, and the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, the Administrative Secretaries, and the Home Cultivation Secretaries of the Department of Woman's Work."

19. The Standing Committees on Laws, on Retirement and Relief, and on Scarritt Bible and Training School shall remain as stated on pages 314 and 315.

20. The Standing Committee on Loans and Investments shall be stricken out.

21. The Standing Committee on Lectureships as adopted by the Council in last annual session, page 191, Annual Report, 1922, shall remain as stated there.

22. By-Law 23, "Session Committees," Paragraph 1, remains unchanged; Paragraph 2 shall be amended by an additional clause making it read:

"(2) Each Session Committee shall elect its own Chairman and Secre-

tary, who shall be members of the Council with no secretarial relation to the Board of Missions."

Paragraph (3) shall be stricken out, and the following shall become paragraph (3):

"(3) These Committees shall receive recommendations from the Women Secretaries of the Board."

B. Concerning Constitutions and By-Laws for Conference Societies, Adult, Young People, and Children's Auxiliaries.

The Committee considered the recommendation from the North Alabama Conference referred to it by the Council (page 193, Annual Report, 1922), requesting a separation of mission study and publicity in Conference and auxiliary, and the following from Miss Haskin requesting the creation of a Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity and an Auxiliary Superintedent of Publicity, as follows:

"*Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.*—The Superintendent of Literature and Publicity shall make a careful study of the literture published by the Woman's Department, Board of Missions, with reference to the needs of the Conference, and make recommendations to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. She shall be responsible for the distribution of the literature throughout the Conference, shall promote the dissemination of missionary news through the Church and secular press, and shall collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. She shall make quarterly reports to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature."

"*Auxiliary Superintendent of Publicity.*—The Superintendent of Publicity shall be responsible for the dissemination of missionary news throughout the Church and community. She shall present the *Missionary Bulletin* in the auxiliary meetings, send items to the Church and secular press, and collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Conference Publicity Superintendent. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity. In small auxiliaries the publicity work may be carried on by the Superintendent of Mission Study. She shall, however, send the report of her publicity work to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity."

Believing that the two recommendations may be considered as one, the Committee recommend concurrence.

The committee recommend the following amendments (page numbers here referring to Annual Report, 1922):

(1) That Paragraph 6, Article 2, Constitution for Conference Societies, page 334, be amended by inserting after the word "study" the words "of literature," so that the paragraph may read: "(6) And the following officers, a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Young People's Work, of Children's Work, of Study, of Literature and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies."

(2) Amend By-Law 7, page 335, by striking out the words "and with literature if so ordered by the Conference," in lines 2 and 3, and the words "Secretary of the Home Base" in lines 6 and 7, for which shall be substituted the words "Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization," so that the By-Law shall read:

"(7) The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information. She shall promote Christian stewardship, shall use all possible means for organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization, to whom she shall make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the Treasurer."

3. That By-Law 13, page 335, which shall become By-Law 12, be amended by striking out the word "publicity" in the first line, "and shall disseminate missionary information through the Church and secular press" in lines 2 and 3, and "Educational Secretary" in line 4, and substituting for the last omission "Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Educational Work," so that the By-Law shall read:

"The Superintendent of Study shall promote mission study and Bible study. She shall report quarterly to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Missionary Education."

4. That as 13 the new By-Law be inserted touching the Superintendent of Literature and Publicity as stated above.

(5) That By-Law 14 be amended by striking out the words "Administrative Secretary" and inserting the words "Superintendent of" so that the By-Laws shall read:

"(14) The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions. She shall report quarterly to the Superintendent of Social Service."

(6) That By-Law 15 be amended by substituting "Home Cultivation Secretary in charge of Organization" for "Home Base Secretary," making the last line read: "She shall report quarterly to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization.

(7) That By-Laws be renumbered as follows: 12 to 16, 16 to 17, 17 to 18, 18 to 19, 19 to 20, 20 to 21, and 21 to 22.

(8) That Article 2 of Constitution for Adult Auxiliaries, page 336, be amended by substituting in the first line the word "is" for "shall be" and in the fifth and sixth lines the words "supported by" for the words "under the care of," so that it shall read:

"(2) The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God through the world by enlisting the women and young people and children in a study of the needs of the world in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and

abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and the betterment of civic and social conditions."

(9) That Article 9, page 337, be amended by inserting after the word "study," in line 4, the word "of" and by striking out the following "and," so that the article shall read:

"The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, one Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Young People's Work, of Children's Work, of Study, of Publicity, of Social Service, of Supplies, and of Local Work."

(10) That By-Law 8, page 338, be amended by striking out the words "and Publicity" and "for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press" and "publicity," so that the By-Law shall read:

"(8) The Superintendent of Study shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study."

(11) That as By-Law 9 the new By-Law touching the Auxiliary Superintendent of Publicity as stated in the first item above under Constitution, etc., for Conference and auxiliaries shall be inserted.

(12) That the remaining four By-Laws be renumbered.

(13) That Article 2 of Constitution for Young People's Auxiliaries be amended by changing the words "shall be" to "is" and the words "under the care of" to "supported by," so that it shall read:

"(2) The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kindgom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions."

(14) That Article 6, page 339, be amended by the addition of a Superintendent of Publicity, so that it shall read:

"(*a*) The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study, of Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

(15) That By-Law 6 shall be amended by striking out the words of Publicity," so that it shall read:

"(*b*) The Superintendent of Study shall be responsible for organization of mission study and Bible study classes and for prayer circles. She shall report quarterly on the first of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study."

(16) That as By-Law 7 the new By-Law touching the Superintendent of Publicity as stated above shall be inserted and remaining two By-Laws be renumbered.

MRS. WALTER J. PIGGOTT, *Chairman;*
MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Secretary.*

SESSIONS COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws received the memorial from the Northwest Texas Conference concerning the striking out of the words "orphanages, hospitals" from By-Law 11 for Auxiliaries, page 338, Annual Report, 1922. As all By-Laws must be submitted sixty days before the Annual Meeting, the Committee recommend that this memorial be referred to the new Committee on Constitution and By-Laws for consideration at its next meeting.

MRS. R. L. HOBDY, *Chairman*;
MRS. F. S. PARKER, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

We have had before us the report of the Joint Committee on Missionary Training, and also communications from President Cox, of Emory University, from Rev. C. W. Scarritt, of Kansas City, from the Board of Trustees of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and from the Kansas City District Conference. We have carefully considered each of these papers, and herewith submit the following report:

1. We appreciate the communication from President Cox expressing a willingness to open negotiations with the Woman's Missionary Council concerning coöperation in missionary training, but our plans are so far advanced for the future development of Scarritt as to make it impracticable to accept the invitation. We are deeply grateful to the people of Kansas City for their continued interest in Scarritt and for the communications which express their great desire to have the school remain in their city; but we are convinced, after thorough investigation, that the facilities for carrying out the enlarged plan cannot be had in Kansas City.

2. We approve the suggestion made in the report of the Joint Committee that our two Schools of Theology be so broadened in scope as to provide adequate missionary training for the ministry at home and abroad. In keeping with the action of the Woman's Missionary Council of 1922, we wish to show our interest in a practical way by recommending the appropriation of an amount not to exceed $2,500 to assist in carrying on such work, said amount to be made available when the program of missionary training has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council.

3. We recommend that Scarritt Bible and Training School be moved to a more central location and so reorganized as to form the basis for a greater institution. Therefore we also recommend:

(1) That the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, together with the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions and the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, be directed to determine the location and organization of the proposed institution and to secure a suitable charter for the same.

(2) That the Scarritt name be preserved in the new organization.

(3) That the organization of the new institution be made sufficiently broad and representative of the Church as to make practicable the coöperation of all the agencies interested in the training of lay religious workers.

(4) That the proper legal provision be made whereby the financial assets of the present Scarritt Bible and Training School, which have been contributed for the use and benefit of woman's work, shall be safeguarded in perpetuity for that purpose; also that the Belle H. Bennett Memorial Fund shall have a part in the institution and likewise be safeguarded.

(5) That similar provision be made whereby other funds that may be contributed from other sources to the institution may be specifically directed to such uses as the donors may designate.

4. We are sure that such an institution as is proposed cannot be fully realized without the coöperation of the various agencies interested in training lay workers for religious service in the Church, but we fear that the postponement of any definite steps until such coöperation can be secured would result in such delay as seriously to embarrass our work. Therefore, in order to make a definite beginning of the proposed enterprise, we recommend, further, that the Board of Trustees of the new institution, when the same has been legally organized, be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council for such funds as may have accrued from the Scarritt Askings in the Centenary and Educational Campaigns, said funds to be used by the Trustees in providing the necessary facilities for a new school.

(1) Also that the Trustees of the property now held in Kansas City for the Scarritt Bible and Training School be instructed to sell the property, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, and to transfer the proceeds therefrom to the Board of Trustees of the new institution to be used for the training of missionaries and other Christian workers.

(2) That the $25,000 appropriation for the maintenance of Scarritt during the coming year, together with such other maintenance funds as may be in the hands of the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, be available for the maintenance of the new institution as soon as Scarritt is transferred to the new location.

5. While the assets of the Scarritt Bible and Training School will be available as a basis for the new institution, we desire that the proposed enterprise shall be representative of the Church and adequately equipped for the training of all types of lay workers needed for service in the Church. We therefore request the Board of Missions, first, to empower its Executive Committee to act in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council and the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School in locating and organizing the proposed institution in keeping with the above provisions; second, that it give to the new institutiton its hearty coöperation and financial support as soon as may seem practicable; third, that it unite with the Woman's Missionary Council in inviting other boards interested in such an enterprise to share in the management and support of the proposed institution.

MRS. L. P. SMITH, *Chairman;*
MRS. D. N. BOURNE, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEE ON LECTURESHIPS.

Your Committee on Lectureships appointed at the last meeting of the Council organized with Miss Belle H. Bennett as Chairman, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Vice Chairman, and J. L. Cuninggim, Secretary. Two meetings have been held during the year, the first at San Antonio, April 5, 1922, the second at Nashville, October 6, 1922.

During the year the second series of the MacDonell lectures, delivered by Dr. W. J. Young, has been published under the title "When God and Men Meet." The best terms that we could secure for its publication required that we take one thousand copies of the volume at seventy-five cents per volume. The book was widely advertized, and a good number of copies distributed complimentary. But even so the sale has been comparatively small, and we still have the large part of the copies taken from the publishers. There are likewise on hand some five hundred copies of the first series of lectures, the "Christianization of American Life." These are both splendid volumes and would be of real value to the Church if properly distributed. We are, therefore, endeavoring to make special arrangements with Lamar & Barton for the distribution of the volumes at a reduced price.

The MacDonnel lecturer for the present year is Dr. W. F. Tillett, Professor of Christian Theology in the School of Religion at Vanderbilt University, and his lectures will be delivered April 22-27 on the general theme, "Paths That Lead to God." For 1924 the lecturer is Rev. Lynn Harold Hough, D.D., Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Detroit, Mich.

The Lectureship Committee, at its meetings on April 5, 1922, authorized the use of $500 from the MacDonell Lectureship Fund for the purpose of providing special lectures for the students of the Scarritt Bible and Training School. This appropriation has made it possible for us to have from time to time distinguished speakers, who have been an inspiration to the faculty and students, among them Dr. Charles Ellwood, of the University, of Missouri; Dr. Thomas Carter, of Vanderbilt University; Dr. Robertson, of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Hon. J. J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C

The Bennett-Gibson Lectureship Fund was provided for the purpose of sending distinguished lecturers from year to year to the mission fields as a means of stimulating and aiding the mission workers on those fields. It did not seem wise to your Committee to send anyone to the Orient last summer, hence the lectureship was not filled.

Finally, attention is called to the vacancy existing in the membership of your committee because of the death of Miss Belle H. Bennett, the Chairman of our Committee.

Respectfullly submitted. MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Vice Chairman*;
J. L. CUNINGGIM, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON PLANS FOR THE BELLE H. BENNETT MEMORIAL.

We hold in grateful and loving remembrance our incomparable leader, Miss Belle H. Bennett, who has for the past thirty-five years led the hosts

of Southern Methodist womanhood, opening to them an ever-enlarging vision and guiding them into fields of world achievement. We recognize her sacrificial service in the establishment of the Scarritt Bible and Training School as a direct call of God which has resulted in the larger life and more abundant service for hundreds of messengers of Jesus who have ministered even unto the uttermost parts of the earth. We hold her in loving thought, not only as a leader who still inspires us to greater and greater achievements, but also as a friend, tender and sympathetic, passed from sight, but still with us in even greater power. With grateful hearts and with thanksgiving to God for his gift of this wonderful life, we therefore recommend:

1. That a memorial to Miss Belle H. Bennett shall be established which shall be an enduring monument, perpetuating her life and service already incarnate in the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

2. That this memorial shall be a greater Training School for Christian workers which shall in some way bear her name and become the fulfilment of her inspired vision.

3. That the minimum goal for the Belle H. Bennett Memorial Fund shall not be less than one-half million dollars.

4. That this memorial be raised through the Christian Education movement and Conference Societies and auxiliaries be authorized to coöperate in securing pledges and collecting funds.

5. That this fund shall be raised on the share plan, and certificates issued to the auxiliaries and to the many individuals who wish to express their love to our great leader and to the Master whom she followed by having a part in this memorial.

6. That a committee of seven members be appointed to conduct the campaign in relation with the Christian Education Movement.

7. That the Treasurer of the Council shall be the Treasurer of the Belle H. Bennett Fund.

8. That the campaign literature shall be issued by the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature, in coöperation with the campaign committee.

9. That program literature setting forth the purpose and scope of the memorial shall be prepared and substituted for the June program material already issued.

10. That the campaign committee shall have power to employ a salaried worker, if necessary.

11. That the expenses of the campaign be met from the Memorial Fund.

12. That the work of securing the Bennett Memorial Fund be begun by taking pledges from Conferences and from individuals as a fitting conclusion to this service.

MRS. R. L. KIRKWOOD,
MRS. LEE BRITT,
MISS ESTHER CASE,
MISS ESTELLE HASKIN,
MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Committee.*

TO NOMINATE MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Your Committee recommend the appointment of the standing Committees as follows:

Committee on Candidates.—Miss Esther Case, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. J. H. McCoy, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. Hume R. Steele.

Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. S. G. Smith, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. J. H. Spilman, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. John S. Turner, Mrs. C. F. Neibergall.

Committee on Constitution and By-Law.—Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. C. F. Elza, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Mrs. R. H. Emberson, Mrs. H. A. Dunham.

Committee on Literature.—Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Althea Jones, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. H. L. McCleskey, Mrs. W. A. Newell.

Committee on Laws.—Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. William Court.

Committee on Estimates.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. J. H. McCoy, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.

Committee on Retirement and Relief.—Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Esther Case, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. Harvey Boney.

Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. Preston Hatcher.

Committee on Scarritt Lectureships.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mr. J. L. Cuninggim, Miss M. L Gibson, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. J. H. McCoy, Mrs. Hume R. Steele.

Executive Committee of the Council.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Miss Althea Jones, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. J. H. Spilman, Mrs. Lee Britt.

MISS M. L. GIBSON, *Chairman*;
MRS. A. B. SMITH, *Secretary*.

RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCERNING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS HOLDING A DUAL RELATION TO THE COUNCIL.

The Executive Committee recommend that any member of the body representing both her Conference and Council at any meeting shall have her expenses shared equally by the Conference and Council.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Vice President*;
MRS. F. S. PARKER, *Recording Secretary*.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPERANNUATE MOVEMENT.

Whereas the General Conference, assembled in Hot Springs, Ark., in May, 1922, requested the Missionary Societies and auxiliaries in our Churches to participate in the Superannuate Movement in accord with plans to be formulated by the Woman's Missionary Council; and whereas the Woman's Missionary Council has already resting upon it a heavy responsibility in making provision for the support of its superannuated deaconesses and missionaries, which responsibility it has been unable to meet adequately; and whereas the members of the Missionary Societies would enter more enthusiastically into the work of the larger Superannuate Movement if they knew their claimants were to be beneficiaries of the General Superannuate Fund—

Therefore the Woman's Missionary Council, in annual session in Mobile, Ala., memorializes the General Board of Finance to admit the regularly superannuated or retired deaconesses and missionaries under the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions as beneficiaries of this fund on the same basis as missionaries under the General Departments of the Board of Missions.

MRS. J. H. MCCOY,
MABEL K. HOWELL,
MRS. J. W. DOWNS,
ESTHER CASE.

ON PLANS FOR SUPERANNUATE CAMPAIGN.

Your Committee appointed to lay plans for the participation of the Woman's Missionary Societies in the Superannuate Campaign, as authorized by General Conference, beg leave to make the following report:

1. In view of the fact that the Supply Department has always served the needs of ministers of our Church, we recommend that this department be given the direction of the cultivation and activities of the societies during this campaign.

2. That in each Conference the Superintendent of Supplies shall be the director of the movement. She shall pass on to the Auxiliary Superintendents the Council plans, and use every means of stimulating the interest and efforts of the auxiliaries. Wherever necessary, an Assistant Superintendent of Supplies shall be named by the Conference to share the additional labors made necessary by the campaign.

3. That in each auxiliary a committee be appointed to carry out the Council plans and that the Superintendent of Supplies be the chairman of this committee.

4. That during the months of January, February, and March, 1924, the claims of the Superannuate Fund be presented by this committee in the regular programs of the society.

5. That on March 16, 1924, the date for the financial drive, each Woman's Missionary Society, under the direction of this Committee, shall canvass its membership for subscriptions for the fund, and that the pledge

cards be held by this Committee and collections pressed throughout the year. All money collected shall be turned in to the Church Treasurer for the fund. Auxiliaries, as such, shall not assume quotas to be paid collectively.

6. That a full report of the pledges and collections be made regularly to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies, who shall in turn report to the Organization Secretary.

7. That the participation of the Woman's Missionary Societies, as such, in the campaign be limited to the year 1924, and that at the close of that year the subscription cards be turned in to the Church leaders of the Campaign.

MRS. F. H. E. ROSS,
MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB.

REPORTS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

PACIFIC COAST ORIENTAL MISSIONS.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM ACTON, SUPERINTENDENTS.

(Work on the Pacific Coast began in 1897.)

The year 1922 has been one of advancement in all lines. The only discouraging feature is the lack of workers and equipment in several places.

Oakland, our pioneer appointment among the Japanese, is still without a regular pastor, and the services have been maintained by Rev. W. A. Davis, of the Japan Mission, and others. Eight adults and one child have been baptized. The eight accessions are all very acceptable members, and we expect they will prove of great benefit to the cause they have espoused. The Sunday school has an average attendance of fifty very lively children. The kindergarten and language school have been maintained regularly. This Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church, South, paid its Centenary pledge in full for the entire five years on December 29, 1921, and is the first Church of our denomination to do so.

Alameda is in excellent condition. Every department of Church enterprise is maintained in a creditable manner. Seven adults and three children have been baptized. Services are excellent and well attended. The Sunday school ranks the highest in the Pacific Conference, and is the only one that ranks as a standard "B" type school. Three Epworth Leagues—Junior, Intermediate, and Senior—are all flourishing. The language school and kindergarten have done excellent work. These are now mission schools, the control of them having been surrendered by "The Parents' Board," and it is now controlled by the board of stewards of the mission. This is much more satisfactory to all concerned. Pastor Oishi still holds services at Elmhurst and one or two other points. The Centenary pledges are all paid in full to January 1, 1923.

Walnut Grove Circuit still continues in charge of the indefatigable Rev. K. Imai. Services have been held at Walnut Grove, Isleton, and Courtland, all important commercial points on the Sacramento River. The Sunday schools in each place are flourishing. The pastor held Christmas exercises at each point, arranging the programs and supervising the training of the children. After all was over, he claimed to be tired, and needed a rest, and we all agreed with him. All were successful. Three adults and one child have been baptized.

Perhaps the most interesting event of the year is the building and dedicating of a Japanese church at Dinuba. We were requested by the Standing Committee of American Workers in Oriental Missions on the Pacific Coast, now known as the Oriental Mission Council, and auxiliary to the Home Missions Council, in 1913, to take the responsibility for the evangelization of the Japanese in Dinuba, Orosi, Lindsay, and Exeter, all towns in Tulare County. We began preliminary operations, but could not secure a pastor. We purchased four city lots, but during the war period, the board of control would not permit us to build a church. Our pastors visited the circuit occasionally, as circumstances permitted. In May last, Rev. T. Mizuno and family arrived from British Columbia and began the organization of a mission. He found eight Christians among about a thousand of his country people. But all the Japanese were interested in the construction of the church. Our Missionary Council contributed $3,519.28 in the purchase of the lots, equipping and furnishing a rented parsonage, and the erection of

the church. The Japanese of the community paid $2,329.15 toward the erection of the church, $337.34 for inclosing the four lots with a substantial fence; installing artistic electric light fixtures, $100; a new Mansfield upright piano, $235; furnishing pews, pulpit, etc., $708.51; incidentals, $25; a total of $3,735. This makes the total cost of this property to date $7,254.28. Bishop Du Bose dedicated the church, entirely free from debt, on December 7, 1922. He also baptized two young girls at the same service. In the evening a banquet was served in an American restaurant and was attended by a large number of the leading citizens of Dinuba, including the mayor, postmaster, editor, and others, and the Japanese. Brother Mizuno is entitled to great credit for the thoroughness and excellence of his ministration. They had a fine Christmas service, including exercises, tree, etc., and a well attended watch night service on New Year's. There are now fourteen members, a large class of probationers, and a Sunday school of twenty-eight pupils. We have long been desirous of occupying this promising field, as there are not only a large number of Japanese, but many who own their own homes, farms, orchards, and vineyards, getting possession of them before the alien land law was passed, and are permanent residents. These are more numerous here than in any other part of California. It promises to become self-supporting in the near future.

The Korean missions and appointments remain the same as last year, with the exception of a different arrangement of the circuits. San Francisco remains a station, with Rev. David Lee in charge. Oakland Circuit includes Oakland, Stockton, and Manteca, with Rev. C. K. Yim as preacher in charge; Sacramento, Willows, and Maxwell form the Sacramento Circuit, but has been without a pastor since Y. H. Kim left his appointment last May. We are in touch with a pastor in Korea, and expect he will take charge shortly. The Koreans in and about Reedley, Fresno County, are asking that we give them a pastor and equip them a mission. It is as promising an opening for Korean work as there is on this Coast.

The language schools and kindergartens among the Koreans are irregular in their sessions, as there are very few among them that are qualified to pass the teacher's examination under the alien school law, that will qualify. The number of children that can attend are not numerous enough in any one locality to make the remuneration sufficient for support, and all qualified can obtain so much better wages in other employments. These language schools, according to the California alien school law, can only be in session one hour each day, after the close of the public schools, so the remuneration is limited.

There are Sunday schools in every appointment, but the attendance is small, because the children are few. In places where Koreans live where there is no mission, the children usually attend some American Sunday school. We have ninety Korean children enrolled in seven Sunday schools.

The entire Oriental membership is 209 Japanese and 272 Koreans, a total of 481.

During the annual session of Pacific Conference, Sunday, October 22, 1922, Bishop H. M. Du Bose ordained Takusei Mizuno deacon and Chung Koo Yim and Shigiji Oishi elders.

Report of the Japanese Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Oakland, Cal.

W. A. DAVIS, PREACHER IN CHARGE (SUPPLY).

Notwithstanding two very serious handicaps, our Church has made marked progress during the past year. We have had eight adult and one infant baptism. The best part of this increase is that they have all gone to work from the first, and the one registered as receiving infant baptism is as

earnest and active a Christian as we have. Two new members have become active Sunday school workers, two are active in all the business affairs of the Church, and one is a leader among the young men.

We have larger congregations than during the previous year, holding pretty steadily about eighteen and sometimes reaching as high as twenty-five.

The Sunday school has an enrollment of fifty-two, and an average attendance of forty-eight. We have had to develop a new teaching force, or rather are now developing it.

We are not sitting down and idly waiting, but anxiously longing for a Japanese pastor and a suitable church building; we are preparing to make the most of these when they come. With these the prospects are bright for the next year.

Our little band is ready to subscribe $4,000 for the church building if they can have four years in which to pay it. The Sunday school has already contributed more than $40 for that purpose.

Alameda Mission, Alameda, Cal.

REV. S. OISHI, PREACHER IN CHARGE.

The year 1922 has been a good one for the Alameda Mission. The following statistics give a concise statement: Number of adults baptized, 7; number of children baptized, 3; amount raised for expenses and other, $1,105.80.

The Sunday school has been recommended as a Standard School. The activity of the Epworth League has been excellent.* The Woman's Society was organized from former woman's Bible class. Mrs. Oishi is president. Probationers are being well trained.

Besides my work in my home town, I have been preaching at Elmhurst, county hospital, county jail, and State prison.

Until Brother Mizuno arrived, I had been preaching at Dinuba, two hundred miles away from here.

I contributed many evangelical articles to Japanese papers on the Pacific Coast. Our mimeographed weekly paper has been continued.

I expect much more fruit in the coming year. Glory to God and Saviour!

Walnut Grove Circuit, Walnut Grove, Cal.

REV. K. IMAI, PREACHER IN CHARGE.

The Christmas celebrations this year were the largest attended of any we ever had on this circuit. At Isleton and Courtland most of the Japanese children in the communities attended. At Walnut Grove the Japanese Association's theater was crowded, and at least six hundred, mostly non-Christians, saw our Sunday school pupils present the "Story of the New-Born King." We did not appeal for collection, but an offering of $285 was made by local people. Two families of Buddhists decided to send their little ones to Sunday school.

I am going to have a sanitarium for Japanese. Five acres of land has already been donated by Christian Japanese near Rocklin, Placer County, in the foothills of the Sierras. A prominent American physican requests me to act as manager. So I need more workers on this circuit, a promising field, white unto the harvest.

Dinuba Circuit, Dinuba, Cal.

REV. T. MIZUNO, PREACHER IN CHARGE.

We started missionary work here in April, 1922. The first important business waiting for me was the erection of a house of worship. Some few

*Epworth League membership: Senior, 40; Intermediate, 10; Junior, 10; total, 60.

brethren, who were anxious about the matter, helped me from time to time very earnestly, neglecting their own interests considerably until our church was completed. The Japanese of this community contributed about four thousand dollars toward this enterprise.

On December 6, 1922, the new building, entirely free from debt, was dedicated by Bishop H. M. Du Bose. It was a great event in the history of this mission. A large number of prominent white people and Japanese came to congratulate us, and many said they had never heard the glad tidings of salvation before.

We now have the following program: Preaching every Sunday at 7:30 P.M. Average attendance, 18; prayer meeting Wednesday evenings; family meetings Friday evenings, meeting in different homes; Sunday school every Sunday afternoon; pupils enrolled, 36; (Miss Lallance, daughter of our American pastor, renders valuable assistance as teacher). Visiting Japanese farmers at their homes every day. Two children baptized.

San Francisco Mission.

REV. DAVID LEE, PREACHER IN CHARGE.

Korean work in San Francisco is very encouraging, for the Koreans have now abandoned their occupation as farmers and are flocking to the cities. The California alien land law does not permit Orientals to own, rent, or work agricultural lands on shares, so the Koreans are seeking employment in other lines. Ours being the only Korean Church in this city, the average attendance is about seventy adults and twenty or more children. The people generally are not enthusiastic in religious matters as those in Korea, but I can see that my people are retaining their faith right along.

Our Sunday school has an enrollment of eighteen children, with four officers. Our language school has an equal number of pupils. Our Epworth League members number forty and meets regularly.

Truly we are enjoying our work in this city, and we thank God for his blessings.

Sacramento Circuit.

REPORTED BY REV. C. K. YIM, FORMER PREACHER IN CHARGE.

Sacramento, Maxwell, and Willows include about three hundred Koreans about equally distributed in the three centers. We have from six to ten Christian families and about thirty single men in each locality.

The mission in each place holds regular services and Sunday schools. Sacramento especially has a very efficient and well organized mission in every way. Here we have a building used as social center, and serves as a place for holding services and also as parsonage.

A pastor has been promised from Korea, and it is our earnest prayer that His servant will arrive shortly, and assume the leadership.

Oakland Circuit.

REV. C. K. YIM, PREACHER IN CHARGE.

The outlook on the Oakland Circuit, which includes Oakland, Stockton, and Manteca, which are among the most progressive and flourishing cities in California, is very encouraging. More than two hundred Koreans reside in these places, including twenty Christian families and about thirty single men. There is a well organized mission in each place, where services and Sunday schools are held in the Korean language in a very earnest and devotional manner.

Manteca has a fine little chapel of its own, built several years ago, costing about $1,500. The other places have temporary halls rented.

IMMIGRANT PORT WORK.

Galveston, Tex.—Immigrant Work.

REV. J. E. REIFSCHNEIDER, PORT MISSIONARY.

Looking back over the year's work, varied as it has been, and to make my annual report for the Council minutes not to exceed two hundred words, it is difficult to decide just what to include in my report.

The work varied but little from that of last year, if we compare our statistical report with that of 1921.

The official immigration records show that from January 1, 1922, to December 31, 1922, the number of vessels arriving was 1,102; number of men in crews, 40,866; the number of passengers on arrival vessels, including American citizens and aliens, was 492; excluded and deported, 43.

My statistical report for 1922 is as follows: Visitors at office, 288; calls at office by appointment, etc., 408; calls for work and help wanted, 71; work found, 37; visits to the county jail, 14; visits and calls to United Charites, 82; investigations, 47; calls on special cases, 33; calls to assist in juvenile cases, 6; phone calls, information, etc., 191; assisted in getting passports, 20; assisted in getting naturalization papers, 7; letters and documents read and translated for United States government, etc., 62; assisted stranded aliens, etc., 15; assisted in getting aliens into the hospital, 7; visits and calls to the city and county health doctor's office, 11; visits to the hospitals and homes, 26; marriages, 3; baptized, 4; burials, 2.

I keep a full supply of Bibles, testaments, and gospels in twenty different languages, also Christian papers and magazines on hand.

We are associated with the various charitable organizations at this port. We come in contact with many races, nationalities, and religions, both immigrants and nonimmigrants. All seem to appreciate our service, and we have tried to do everything as unto Him.

Our association with the United States Immigration Service officials, local officials of the city, representatives of steamship interests, and our local missionary committee have coöperated most cordially at all times with us. God has been good to us, and we give him all the praise.

CUBAN WORK.

Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Fla.

DEACONESS CORA E. BORCHERS, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS CARRIE A. PORTER, GIRL'S CLUBS; MISS MARTHA J. LEWIS, KINDERGARTNER; MRS. CARRIE L. BOND, NURSE; MRS. MARY BALMACEDA, MATRON OF DAY NURSERY.

Deaconess Borchers reports:

One thing that has made our hearts glad during the past year is the transformation that has been wrought in the appearance of our building. Through the kindness and generosity of the good women of the Florida Conference and the Woman's Missionary Council, we have been able to have some much-needed repairs made on our place and have it all done over from top to bottom until it is so sweet, clean, and attractive it is a joy to be here and make our home a real example of neatness to our community. The work on our building was done by one of our Cuban men, who did it for about cost. He was also converted while here at work and moved nearer so he can send his children to us.

Besides supervising all repairs and decorating of our building, during the early part of year I had the Girls' and Young People's Departments, and so much enjoyed seeing the progress made in all the various activities.

During the summer months our place was, as usual, a regular beehive.

We had two hundred and twenty-five in our Daily Vacation Bible School. Thirteen received a Bible for memorizing all scripture required; one hundred and twenty-five were also enrolled in our summer school. Several substantial looking people came bringing their children to us, saying that they liked our methods better than those of the Romanists.

Our day nursery is an interesting place. It is always full of children whose parents are in the factories. We have had as many as sixty-three per day. We teach them to drink milk instead of coffee and observe such wonderful improvement in them when on a well balanced diet.

We were happy to have Miss Porter, our new missionary, join us in October. Since she is a girls' worker I have fallen heir to the boys' department, and am learning a string of new, unusual names. We are getting on fine, however, and have plenty to do. By simply announcing some more boys' activites, one hundred and thirty new boys came one day to enroll; so the problem is not how to get them, but space and workers to take care of them. We are fortunate in having a fine young business man for our Scout Master. He is untiring and faithful in his efforts with the boys, and his influence with them has been marvelous. They have been second in the efficiency contest a part of the time and were the only troop in town with a real Scout exhibit at the State fair, having on exhibit some pieces of furniture they made in their carpentry class.

All of us work in the Church and Sunday school. I have so much enjoyed my work as superintendent of Sunday school, with the young people in the Epworth League, and my class of fourteen-year-old girls in Sunday school. Our Epworth Leaguers have certainly grown spiritually. Several of them have taken a stand for Christ. One fine young man came to League. He afterwards told me he came for the social time and found Christ. He said that all he knew about Christ, the Bible, and the Church was as he had heard them made fun of in the factory—the level to which Romanism has sunk them; but when he came to League, he heard the Bible read and explained, saw our earnestness and interest in it, and read the Testament we gave him; he couldn't help being a Christian. We were fortunate in securing a scholarship for two other fine young men and placed them in Southern College. One, a Spanish boy converted through our influence, and a real artist with the violin, stands at the head of his classes in college. The other is a fine Italian young man who was being trained for the priesthood in Italy. He became disgusted with it, came to the old United States of America and Tampa, fell in with our Methodist folk, and now is in training as a Methodist minister.

The stupendous task of lifting these 25,000 foreigners out of the ignorance and superstition in which Romanism has left them challenges the very best within us; and while we have hundreds coming to us each week, we feel that we are only touching the edges in comparison with the great need, and are made to realize that "it is not by might nor by power, but by His Spirit that the work may be accomplished, and our people come to know him whom to know is life eternal."

Miss Lewis reports:

This year the opening of a new public school near us, which admits five-year-old children, has relieved somewhat the crowded condition of our kindergarten. We have good attendance, and practically all our kindergarten children go to Sunday school. It is a privilege to work with these bright little people, and, after they leave kindergarten, to watch their progress through the grades of the public school and Sunday school. I am also teaching six classes a week in English for grown people. We like to think of this as Americanization work, since our aim is to lead them to become Christian American citizens.

Many needy families have been helped with clothing from our supply department. Time and strength have been given unsparingly to the work,

but in comparison to the great need what has been done seems but a drop in the bucket.

Mrs. Bond reports as follows:

The work of our clinic has indeed been a pleasure this past year, for we feel that our work and efforts have been more appreciated and understood. So many truly deserving cases have been helped here. Our doctors have been untiring in their efforts to relieve the ones that needed medical care. The confidence of these, our people, is very gratifying to us. One woman said to another sufferer: "If you want to get well, go to the clinic, for they will treat you right there."

We try to find out if each patient attends some Church, and if not we invite them to come to ours. The women we invite to visit the Mothers' Club, and from there they are invited to the Church services.

Our Mothers' Club is something to be proud of. Our club motto this year is "Service." The women are truly entering into the spirit of it by trying to do for the sick in every way that is needed. They contributed largely to the buying of a beautiful new carpet for our church, San Marcos. They do appreciate so much the visits that are made to them in their homes and always thank you for coming.

My! I wish one didn't get tired, so that one could do twice as much work, for the fields are certainly white unto the harvest.

Miss Porter reports the following:

The four months I have been in Wolff Settlement have been happy ones as well as very busy ones. It is said that a foreign missionary must be ready for anything that arises; the same may be stated concerning the ones at home. When I arrived in October, the house was being renovated, so all hands were turned to varnishing and refinishing our bedroom furniture to harmonize with the redecorated interior. We have become experts (?) at the trade.

These Latin people are so lovable and responsive that it is a joy to work among them. The sewing school is growing so rapidly that soon I fear it will burst through the gymnasium walls into the street.

Besides the regular activities for the girls, I have two night classes in English for business men, as well as the Junior Missionary Society with sixty-five members. This meets twice a month and is well attended and greatly enjoyed, by me at least.

My Sunday school class of junior girls is constantly growing, but I am handicapped, as I speak little Spanish and many of them no English.

West Tampa, Fla.—Rosa Valdes Settlement.

DEACONESS SELDEN BRYAN, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS KATHERINE ARNOLD, GIRLS' WORKER; MISS SUE T. FORD, KINDERGARTNER.

Mrs. Bryan reports:

The year has been one of progress for the Rosa Valdes. It is the first whole year of work in our new buildings. Classes and clubs have grown steadily, and new ones have been formed. Our settlement is all alight and very busy at night as well as in the day. The night classes number now about seventy pupils, including the regular night school classes in English, gymnasium classes, and a carpentry class.

We held a Daily Vacation Bible School this summer with an average attendance of about one hundred. The children did some good work in Bible study and made many interesting things in hand work periods.

We have thought much of the physical condition of our people this fall and, with weighing and measuring, have found a large number under weight and undernourished. With the help of the county home demonstration agent a nutrition class was started with the children, and good results have already been seen from it. To further aid us in this work, at Mrs. McCoy's suggestion, a free clinic was also started in our building.

We feel that God is using this Settlement in a great way for the Cubans, and it is with great joy that we give our services here.

Miss Ford reports:

My work this year has been, and is, a wonderful source of joy. It is a great privilege to work for and help these beautiful little strangers within our gates. There are four nationalities represented in the group of thirty-six children now in attendance. Such good times as they have make all happy who witness their plays, busy work, and English drills.

I am trying to do a fourfold work: make them happy, teach them of God as their Heavenly Father, give them a good start in English, and as much busy work as they can grasp.

I have a great many of the same children in the Primary Department of the Sunday school, where there are about fifty-five or sixty in attendance.

Besides the above-named work, I have helped in the Mothers' Club, had a class in both the little Boys' Club and sewing school, helped in the nutrition class, and taught in the night school three evenings out of the week.

Miss Arnold reports:

With basket ball games, Girl Scout play, graduating exercises, and awarding certificates to those who had finished the course in sewing school; with parties and hikes, besides the regular routine work in the girls' program, this has been a happy and a busy year. Many of the girls and children who became interested in the clubs and classes have been won for the Sunday school and Church. My Sunday school class of teen-age girls is a constant joy. To watch their growth in the Christian faith is indeed a great privilege. Three of the oldest ones now have classes of their own and are doing a splendid work in the Church.

While this year has shown advancement along every line, yet the surface only has been skimmed, and we are expecting greater things in the coming year.

Key West, Fla.—Ruth Hargrove Settlement and School.

MISS IDA J. MOORE, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS MARY NICHOLS; MISS SARAH MALONE.

Miss Moore reports:

The last year's work has been full of interest as we have ministered to the different groups of people and watched their lives develop.

By constant visiting we have come in close touch with the home life and the needs of the community. The gifts from several auxiliaries have made it possible to relieve some of the suffering of the poor with food and clothing.

The playground, which is open daily, is a means of physical and social development. The community socials, which are held here, add to the social life.

Training for home making is given in housekeeping classes and sewing school. The little housekeepers are interested in their work and often ask to repeat certain lessons. The sewing school has a good attendance, and connected with this department are three conscientious, capable volunteer teachers.

Night classes in English are taught regularly. The little library also has been frequently drawn on.

One of the most pleasant features of the year's work was the Vacaton Bible School. The children were faithful in attendance and interested in their work. Our only volunteer helper was one of our Cuban young women. She gave her best to the children.

The Sunday school attendance has been good. A large number of the children took part in the Christmas program, and the parents showed their interest by attending the service.

Deaconess Nichols reports:

Surely the first year of any worker's life is the fullest of experiences. Many have come to me, both good and bad, but not any I have been sorry to have had.

My work all the year seems to have been more like a see-saw than anything—first up and then down. Still, through my teaching third, fourth, and fifth grades, my Sunday school class of young people, my Mothers' Club, work on the playground, night classes, and visiting, I believe I have been able to reach a few and lead them forward and farther along the road toward Christ.

Miss Malone reports:

Since opening, September 11, 1922, this school has enrolled seventy-three pupils in the five grades which are taught.

"Miss Ford's School," as it is still known in the community, established a reputation for careful and thorough work, and the continued popularity of our school justifies us in the belief that we have kept up the same standards. There is a general opinion in the town that children are in safe hands when placed under our care.

We are still praying for a kindergarten department in the school, that we may save little souls from the streets while they are still in our reach.

We are proud of our new coat of paint inside and out of the schoolhouse. Many of the children take pride in helping us keep up a neat appearance in the schoolrooms and yard.

Besides my school duties, I assist in the Church at Trinidad Mission, teaching a class of young ladies and playing the piano for all the services. We are beginning to prepare our program for the Easter services, which we always celebrate.

ITALIAN AND FRENCH WORK.

Birmingham; Ensley, Ala.—Community House.

DOROTHY L. CRIM, HEAD RESIDENT; CARABELL HOLLINGSWORTH, KINDERGARTNER; RUTH M'KIBBON, DOMESTIC ECONOMY; THREE NONPRESIDENT WORKERS.

Miss Crim reports:

The Mothers' Club has been one of great joy. Many of the members have grown remarkably. They have been interested in civic questions and joined the Federation of Clubs of Ensley. Some have attended the English classes, and nineteen passed the Red Cross nurse training examination. They have stood behind activities and supplied many needs of the house.

After their day's work many men come in to play or enjoy the practices of the band or orchestra. Professor D'Agostina has given instruction in violin to our boys. The night school, which has aided many this year in obtaining citizenship papers, has always been a great means of Americanization because of many problems of life discussed. This summer the men did much work on our grounds.

The girls have had an Art and Pollyanna Club. There are one hundred and forty-eight enrolled in sewing, forty-four in cooking, sixty-eight in housekeeping, for they must be fitted for home makers. One great result accomplished with our girls is that they are waiting until older to marry.

Some members of the Young Men's Athletic Club help direct the Junior Athletic Club. The one has just presented the other with a pair of boxing gloves. Our boys have a splendid Christian director. There are the Scouts; and the clubs for the faithful younger boys, the Little Americans, the Little Citizens, and Little Boys' Club.

The kindergarten, with its limit of fifty, is always full of dear children ready to be trained and directed; this is our greatest means of Christian Americanization.

The clinic or the Mothers' school has had 1,064 patients. Dr. Jerome Meyer and Nurse Munn are most faithful.

In the summer our playground is a park, attractive with the lights. Fair play, rights of others, team work tend to develop democracy. In the hot weather shower baths are so in demand; some days the line seemed endless.

The special days are looked forward to by our community, the Mardi Gras, anniversary celebration, picnic, play festival, special parties, Thanksgiving, club banquet, and our week of Christmas festivities.

A parochial school was opened in September in our midst with five missionary sisters in charge. They started kindergarten, sewing, cooking, clubs, visiting, and entertainment. Great threats were made by the priest, backed by the sisters, even if one walked on our grounds. Things were very discouraging for a while, even though threats had been made often before. Attempts were made to burn Bibles we had given. But we had been here too long and had proved ourselves to be too great a friend. Three of the sisters have gone, for they say there was not enough for them to do.

But many of them who stood for us are not strong enough to go to our splendid Italian church two blocks away. The members have to be built on solid rock to stand the storm that is still raging. There are fifty-six Italian members. The faithfulness of many of these would put many to shame. There are a splendid Sunday school and a society with every woman of the Church a member.

Kansas City, Mo.—Institutional Church, 1922.

DEACONESS ELIZABETH COX, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS M. DOROTHY DODD, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION; MISS MARY ALICE TAYLOR, CHILDREN'S WORK; MISS MARGUERITE VOIGHT, MUSIC DEPARTMENT AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK; MRS. JEANETTE CAVANAUGH, SECRETARY; MISS MARY C. WOLFE, BABY WELFARE WORK.

To be a worker in the Christian Social Settlement is to stand in the very center of the great social circle of humanity with our hand on the pulse of the suffering, the sorrowful, the poverty stricken, and the sinful; and with the other hand beckoning to those who have all the gifts and culture that education, wealth, and religion can give; a mediator, a discoverer of one to the other. As the worker thus stands and catches the throb of sympathy of the one for the other, and as her eyes follow the circumference of the circle, she sees hands approach each other and clasp with a tender understanding of common needs and common experiences, and her heart is made to rejoice in the dawning day of understanding between Evangelical Churches when forgetful of different creeds, dogmas, and dividing lines they are joining hands in one great forward movement for the bringing in of the true "Brotherhood of Man."

In the years of work in Institutional Church, the workers have had the glorious priviledge of bringing together constantly people who needed each other in various ways, and it has been borne in upon them with increasing depth that what people need most of all is to get so close to each other that they may find what is a great truth, that the strength of united effort is what is lacking in the effort to bring His kingdom in.

Through the year 1922 we have had a daily average of one hundred and thirty-two to pass through our institution, an increase of about five thousand over last year.

Miss Dodd reports:

As we take a backward view of our year's work, we realize as never before, "The things I have seen teaches me to trust Him for the things I have not seen."

Our work this year has been somewhat different, with our two big pageant efforts, the first coming in the early spring and the second coming in the autumn. Our work in the pageant gave us an opportunity to touch many lives and interest them in our work here at the church. This has been a great spiritual blessing both to them and to us.

Our summer work in the Daily Vacation Bible School teaching the Bible stories and verses is one of our best efforts in its result, both morally and spiritually. And as we have seen these boys and girls change in their thinking and acting it has been a great source of joy to us, the teachers.

Recently Miss Cox has had me take charge of the Italian Mothers' Club. Our work here is slow but sure. Mrs. Cameron has had charge of our programs, and they have been both interesting and worth while.

The work with the Boy Scouts, under the direction of Mr. R. A. Hoyt, has been recognized at the Scout headquarters as being of high standard, and our scout master as one of the ablest in the city.

The Junior Italian Boys' Club, with Walter Passiglia as their leader, is conducting their program along fourfold lines. Most of these boys are in the intermediate department of our Sunday school.

My Sunday school class and club of Italian girls has been the thing that has taken most work and has been the largest in its results. Through our Sunday school class we are trying to give them a club during the week. The week before Christmas we have a banquet for our intermediate boys and girls. On this evening we had one hundred and six present, and O, such a good time as we did have! They enjoyed everything about the dinner—the speakers, the eats, the yells and songs, and then our Christmas tree down in the gymnasium.

We have been happy in our work, and as we close the year, it is with grateful hearts to our Heavenly Father for every good gift and every perfect gift which is from above and which cometh down from the Father.

Miss Taylor reports:

Through friendly visiting, Mothers' Club parties, picnics, dinners, and educational meetings such interest and friendliness has developed until most of our nursery children are in Sunday school, and many of the mothers and fathers have come into our Church and are doing active Church work.

A most appreciative case is that of an Italian couple who have been in America three months. The baby gained so rapidly in the nursery that the mother asked the nurse to take her to the hospital, because her face "stuck out so."

The success of the clinic department is due to the wonderful appreciation and coöperation of the mothers and has made our clinic practically a well baby station. One of the Italian mothers began bringing her baby when it was only three weeks old and in the year has never missed over six times, and then never longer than two weeks. The baby has never been sick and is a perfect baby. Two months ago a three-months-old baby came, weighing four and one-half pounds, she is five months old now and weighs nine pounds.

To-day as I walked down the street I saw a dear, coal-black child of four running and laughing in the sunshine. She looked hopeless when we found her in a dark, dirty basement. Her knees were together and her ankles lacked eight inches of meeting. Her back was crooked, and I do believe a smile had never crossed her lips, all because of undernourishment and "nobody cared." These are three of the marvelous transformations from the hands of our wonderful specialists, devoted visiting nurse, and trusting mothers.

The handwork in our Saturday Afternoon Bible School is beautiful, but to see the reverence with which the children bow in prayer, the quiet interest expressed as they eagerly listen to the stories, the true patriotism manifested as they salute both American and Christian flag, and the readi-

ness with which the workers accept invitations for programs, knowing that they can depend on our children for songs, Psalms, verses, and New Testament scripture makes us know our work is stamping itself in the lives of our children.

Miss Voight reports:

"Music, when soft voices die, vibrates in the memory." And it is through the Music Department that we hope to reach many of the homes. There are fifty enrolled for instruction in piano, vocal, violin, and pipe organ. The teachers come to us from the Kansas City Musical Club, and they are giving invaluable service. There are so many pupils that it is hard to find a time for each to practice, but through the coöperation of the teachers, pupils, and workers the Music Department is growing each month.

Our young people are such a blessing to us. They have caught a vision of service, and they try to help us in every way that they can. Last summer ten of our young people went to the Pertle Springs League Encampment. Three of them gave themselves for life service. Of these three, two of them were from our finest Italian homes. Such a fine young man and such a fine young woman to spend their lives in service for our Master. Our weekly dinners and our parties bring the young people together, and our big family just have a good time, but they never forget the thought of our Heavenly Father, and they never cease to thank him for his many blessings, and so we say: "God bless them every one."

Houma, La.—French Work, MacDonell Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS ELLA K. HOOPER, HEAD RESIDENT; MRS. LAURA M. WHITE, MISS EFFIE K. FAUVER.

Miss Hooper reports:

The year has been full and busy, but rich with God's presence and blessing. The thought of our hearts in regard to it is expressed in the beautiful poem:

"I brought my little gift and laid
It down upon God's holy altar.
I had so prayed that, touched by his
Almighty hand—his dear pierced hand—
It might become a holy thing
Meet for his service . . . .
My little faith would scarce believe
That his omniscient eye would
Notice take of gift so small, so
Mean, as mine. When lo! it was
Returned, so changed, so beautified,
I clasped it to my heart with tears
Of joy. It came so multiplied,
So radiant with his love, I marveled
That I should have withheld it from
His hand so long. The gift was naught,
But God's dear hand upon the gift was all."

The workers have given their all without reserve for the love of Christ and the cause of his kingdom among the French of Louisiana. "The hand of our God was upon us for good," and a great advance has been made in the whole work.

The MacDonell Wesley House is, first of all, a home. The members consist of twelve children, three workers, and the guests. The guests have ranged all the way from Council representatives to a tiny French girl who often spends the night, or an old colored woman needing encouragement and help, or we might say down to a stray dog and sick kittens that come

to find shelter and a kindly word. The total number of guests have been about three hundred, not including the colored folk nor the kittens and dog.

It is a training center. This embraces much of the work given the young people in the home throughout the year, the special periods of training covering a period of three weeks and having a total attendance of seventy-five; special classes held in various communities; and less direct methods under the classification of recreation.

It is a social service center, receiving gifts from all over the State and from distant States, and getting them out to persons and places of need. Two thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine garments were distributed and five hundred and fifty Christmas gifts sent out giving happiness and help to many. Friendly visiting, finding of employment, nursing, and instructing the sick, and other forms of service needed among the poor and ignorant are carried on.

Evangelistic and religious educational work is carried on by coöperating with the pastors and evangelists. The gospel tent was used to great advantage in the summer. Through Sunday schools and missionary societies work is carried on in six different communities. The distribution of Christian literature and good books and periodicals is an important part of the work, and many school children are helped by the loan of schoolbooks from the supply library. Where no one can read, pictures are used to educate and to stimulate a desire for education.

The crowning feature of the year, toward which all forces have led, has been the establishment of the school. The building is almost completed, many applications from the boys and girls have been filed, twelve of the prospective students are at the Wesley House in training, and the school is already a decisive factor in the French work.

Our backward glance is one of gratitude; the forward look is eager and expectant.

Mrs. White reports:

As I look back over the year just past and take stock of what has transpired, I realize that it has been a year rich in opportunities for service, rich in God's blessings on our efforts in the furtherance of his kingdom.

During the year my time has been occupied principally with assisting in the field work, excepting the periods of summer activities, when I was in charge of feeding the groups of boys and girls here for the institutes.

I have continued the work in my Bible classes and with the mothers in the Cradle Roll Department; and have been enabled, I believe, to be of some very real help, through God's grace, to these women in their problems, both practical and spiritual.

Statistically, during the year I have met these women in one hundred and twenty-one sessions, making a total of seven hundred and forty-one individuals whom I have tried to help at these classes; and I was surprised when looking over the figures to find that I had personally traveled, "up and down the bayous" and "back and forth" about my work, over five thousand five hundred miles.

The above figures refer only to those classes which I have personally had charge of and not to work in missionary societies where the other workers and I have jointly worked.

The year is closing with thankfulness to Him for his leading and keeping and with a prayer that he will lead me into greater usefulness during the coming year.

Miss Fauver reports:

I landed here September 1, 1922.

For the first weeks I felt as if I were in a foreign country. The people, their language, the climate, the bayous, the trees and flowers, the customs and preparation of food were all new to me. I am gradually becoming acclimated, naturalized, and accustomed to these various differences.

I have charge of the young people in their work in the home and in the ordering of food and meals. This is a real opportunity for helping to build Christian character. I am naturally in close touch with the boys and girls, and they look upon me as a big sister in whom they are ready to confide.

The work is interesting and fascinating. Even when the bottom seems to drop out of things, patience, with the grace of God, carries you through.

We have twelve children, eleven attending the public school and one having her lessons here, with three workers. Most of the time we have a guest or two in the house.

The boys and girls are supported by scholarships, $150 a year. The parents contribute what they can, paying their share for the most part in produce.

Outside of the work in the home I have a Teacher-Training Class, also a Mission Study Class.

I am expecting great things in 1923 and pray that each day may lead me into broader service for Him who has called me into this work.

New Orleans, La.—St. Mark's Hall.

DEACONESS BERTA ELLISON, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS RUTH BYERLY, GIRLS' DEPARTMENT; MISS MYRTLE NEELY, BOYS' DEPARTMENT; MISS LYDIA RIEKE, NURSE; MISS V. MAUDE FAIL.

Miss Ellison reports:

The year 1922 will be remembered by each of the five workers at St. Mark's not so much for what has been accomplished as for what our eyes behold, so it is not a mere dream that will shortly come to pass. The last Sunday in January, 1922, a group met in St. Mark's Church, North Rampart and Governor Nicholls, as usual, but a very unusual announcement was made before the service closed. It was this: "Do not come to church here again, but go to 908 Esplanade, St. Mark's Hall." The next morning men were busy tearing down the little church that had been a blessing to some, making room for adequate buildings that, under God, may be a blessing to many. We have watched it grow from the foundation up and up till now, February, 1923, behold, the finishing touches being put on, so ere long all activities will be abandoned at 908 Esplanade and transferred to the most beautiful buildings in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. (I said that and mean it. Maybe you would not agree.) We speak of it as three buildings, and it is, but still it is all one. The church and the men's building front on North Rampart, with a nice wide court between, and the woman's building fronts on Governor Nicholls Street, but all of them are joined so it makes one. The church is two stories, with all the room on the first given to clinic purposes, and the other two buildings are three stories each. There is gymnasium, swimming pool, domestic science kitchen, clubrooms for everybody, and other rooms enough for all activities at this time and for years to come. Living quarters for women workers are on third floor of woman's building, and provision for the preacher and his family have been made on third floor of men's building. This is a poor description, but enough to justify my first statement to the effect that our efforts this year seem insignificant as compared with what may reasonably be expected in the future.

According to Miss Rieke's report, the clinic continues to grow. Doctor's service is available every day in the week except Sunday, and a nurse is on duty even then. Six general clinics and two special clinics are held each week. Specials are for ear, nose, and throat and a dental clinic. Anyone of any color may come and most of them are successfully treated, but if a specialist is needed the patient is directed to him.

Daily Vacation Bible School was better and bigger this summer than ever before. Advice and guidance have been sought and given many times.

One bewildered young woman who needed an understanding friend said after her problem had been partly solved: "The day I came here I was tempted to jump in the river, and probably would have later if it had not been for St. Mark's."

A Christmas basket was given to a certain family, and our carol singers visited that same family before daylight Christmas morning. They stood in the court, Epworth League boys and girls and the workers. Drowsy sleepers were awakened as the beautiful Christmas story was told again in song. It so impressed the husband and father of this family that he failed to get on his usual drunk, and they all had a peaceful and happy day together. Since then he lets his wife and children come to church, a privilege he had long denied them.

In closing let me express my gratitude to my Heavenly Father and the Woman's Missionary Council for this, another year of service. Pray for St. Mark's that there may be seasons of refreshing and ingathering in 1923. That the new building put up with Centenary money may render a large service for the upbuilding of the kingdom in this needy field.

Miss Byerly reports:

No new line of club work has been taken up during the year. We are trying rather to intensify those activities which time has shown best adapted to this field. Some exceptionally good work is being done in sewing school, as well as some that is very ordinary. But patience works wonders even with some of our subnormals. Camp Fire is flourishing, and we have recently fulfilled a part of our pledge to "double our *work*, double our *health*, double our *love*, double our *Camp Fire*," by organizing a new camp of younger girls, meeting on the same day but at an earlier hour. The new guardian is a Fire Maker from our group, whose only reason for hesitating when asked to take the work was voiced in the query: "But will this interfere with my being with the Keewaydin girls?" Our camp was again a great success, and we are planning to make it for two weeks the coming summer, that being the greatest improvement possible. Six of the Girl Scouts spent a week in the camp conducted by the local council.

Direction of the Junior Epworth League, and especially the training of one of our own girls as assistant superintendent, is a task as joyous as it is arduous. I think I have also made a worth-while contribution in service as Fourth Department Superintendent in the City Union.

In knowing my one hundred and thirty girls, I naturally enter homes of varying types—homes of culture, homes of uncouthness, homes of cleanliness, though poverty-stricken, homes of squalor—but serving in any of them, if I but look, I may see and follow the "footsteps of Jesus, that make the pathway glow," and so would I follow them wherever I go.

Miss Neely reports:

As I came here October 1, 1921, I made no report last year. My older boys were organized into basket ball teams. The Novice Team won the Southern Amateur Athletic Union Championship of the city. Another older and more experienced team lacked only one game of winning the junior championship in the A. A. U. Then a team from fourteen to sixteen years made a creditable showing in a league conducted by the Y. M. C. A.

In indoor baseball we let the other teams know we were "present." We won from some of the strongest teams, but, due to several of our best players having to leave the city to work, we finished much lower than we should have.

Then the Novice Team of November, 1922, composed of new boys who had no experience in real basket ball, made a very good showing. They will probably take next season's championship.

The junior boys have just closed one of the best basket ball seasons ever held in New Orleans. When the presentation of the trophy was made

to us, the speech of the A. A. U. Secretary was nicer than the trophy, and it was a beautiful trophy. He said in part: "A presentation has never given me more pleasure than this one, because this team has played the cleanest, squarest, most sportsmanlike ball ever played in this city. There has been no fighting, no quarreling, and no squabbling with any official or the opposing team." Sport editors say it was a wonderful team, and quite naturally we agree.

Then we have worlds of younger boys who have had their playground teams. These are being developed into the same kind of players as the older boys now are, we hope.

We had two Scout Troops last year. One of these, with fifty-eight boys enrolled, because a Scout Master could not be secured, voted itself into the St. Mark's Junior Athletic Club in November. We still have a younger Scout Troop composed of Sunday school boys. The Rotarians gave to the boys who were not able to pay for a camping trip a week's outing a the official Boy Scout's camp. The thirty boys who went will not soon forget this glorious experience.

From the foregoing it would seem athletics predominate, and this is true at present. There is little room for anything else now, but wait until we get into our new quarters. There will be some other things doing then. I visit in the homes, and this helps me to understand better the many problems presented by my boys. With two hundred boys there are two hundred problems more or less serious depending on how well one is able to discern. This takes much time and strength and sympathy, but we feel no cost is too great in this character-building process.

Miss Fail reports:

January, 1, 1922, found me still in Denver, trying to get well. On June 1 I had recovered sufficiently to return to my home, but two months proved that the extreme heat of Mississippi was too much for me, so I went to Junaluska for the rest of the summer. Due to the wonderful climate and inspiration of Junaluska, I improved enough to be able to take part-time work at St. Mark's Hall on November 1. I am quite sure that my strength and improvement came in answer to continued prayers of friends and loved ones.

My work here, while limited, has been a great joy. The workers have been most considerate. I am in the office about seven hours a day, teach one English class to foreign men, teach the young people's Bible class in Sunday school, and in an unofficial way try to guide the Senior Epworth League.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the prompt and regular monthly checks which came to me from the "Sick Relief Fund," to Mrs. McCoy and other members of the Council for their letters of cheer and sympathy during my illness.

MEXICAN WORK.

Dallas, Tex.—Wesley Chapel.

DEACONESS RHODA DRAGOO, HEAD RESIDENT.

The new year found us established in our new quarters on Highland Street. The location of the new industrial district in Dallas, which includes the Wesley Chapel district, made it necessary for our work to be moved.

The City Mission Board bought the block bounded by Highland, Wichita, and Turney Streets, on which are located two buildings. One is to be used as a residence for the worker, and the other to house the various activities. There is also the prospect of a new church building in the near future.

The work of the past year has been carried on along the same lines that have always been followed.

The attendance of the Church and Sunday school has been good throughout the year. Twenty-five have been converted and joined the Church.

Many men were turned away from our night school on account of the limited space at the chapel Three rooms in the Cumberland Hill School have been turned over to us, and a third teacher has been employed.

This has been a delightful year for our kindergarten, with an enrollment of sixty-seven. The attendance of the Mexican children in the public school is the best in the city.

Ninety-six babies are enrolled in our Baby Clinic. Forty-three clinics have been held and three hundred and thirty-eight patients treated. Thirty-six clinics have been held under the Tuberculosis Association in our building and one hundred and seventy-six patients examined.

A number of entertainments have been given. The Mexican Band gave fifteen concerts.

Homer Toberman Mission and Clinic.—Los Angeles, Cal.

JOSEPHINE BERGLUND, HEAD RESIDENT; ELLEN CLOUD, NURSE DEACONESS; MINNIE E. DAVIS, EVANGELISTIC WORKER; GLENN MOORE, YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKER.

The year has held a varied program. Many things have been attempted, many have failed, and possibly the Master has registered some successes. The interest of our Conference Board has gradually grown until we are beginning to feel that they are stabilized. The interest of the ministers and the Churches at large have grown too, as is shown in the generous donations of the year.

Many repairs on the property have been made, chief among them being the addition of a second story to the workers' cottage.

Our playground has been a noisy and lively spot, roaring with the shouts of the factory boys at the noon hour, the litlte boys in the afternoon, and the older boys in the evening.

Miss Mattie Wright has given unstintedly of her time and ability in the millinery department. Our Mexican girls have made during the year under her direction, pretty hats.

A Junior Department has been organized in the Sunday school, and we feel that it is meaning a real growth in the spiritual life of the juniors. Three great days in our Sunday school were Easter, Rally Day, and Christmas. Easter was Decision Day, and twenty-two pupils surrendered to Christ. The day of our White Christmas was also a day of renewed devotion and giving. Their offering of $41 was divided between our Children's Hospital and a mission station in Mexico.

Seventy-one members were added to our Church roll this year, and four branch Sunday schools were started. Our people are zealous in the work of the Church, and we feel that a better spiritual condition prevails than has for many months.

The clubs have run with more or less success, but the one thing that has been our constant joy and the thing that has never failed to bring gratifying results is the giving of the Word through sermon or class or personal work.

Miss Cloud reports:

This has truly been a year of learning to labor and to wait. While waiting for the clinic to be built, the sick have been cared for by remedies well known, doctors consulted, or the patients carried to other clinics or to the hospitals. Many are the ways one can help outside the clinic, but the calls are many for it from our own people especially, and also from the

civic workers and the sick all about us of all nationalities. So we are watching in much prayer to see it put up.

For four years the camp at Manhattan Beach has been run as an arm of the clinic. This year we had the largest attendance, two hundred and fifty being present, and the least expense, $240.68 being the total. The tired mothers, usually with large families, kept in so closely, get such a change and rest at the beach that rheumatic knees and aching shoulders are relieved; while the fretting, undernourished babies get a fresh supply of mother's milk because of this rest and the diet of fresh vegetables and plenty of good milk, and they become a pleasure to all instead of a crying nuisance. The money for this camp is raised by voluntary offerings, but this year a Camp Club was formed, every member paying a dollar, and if this membership grows, as we have every reason to think it will, we will have all we need. Though we do not know of any definite conversion in camp this year, the seed have been sown and we are confident that some fell in good ground. During our first camp Juana was converted. This time during camp she was working as a missionary among her friends in Mexico, for she had planned from that first week to take the precious gospel message to those she loved. With her was Concha, whom she had adopted at the death of her mother, also a convert in camp. Concha is just six years old, but she is a good missionary too, as she sings her hymns she has memorized, recites the Bible verses, and offers her childish prayers in true faith. We pray that many more like these may go out from Camp Happy.

The Bible study and prayer list have been sources of great joy in the missionary society, and some of our women are earnest workers, visiting and praying. The love of the children in the Primary Department fills my cup of joy. Even the three-year-old children learn their verses and help sing, and we know that many of these little ones lead their parents to Christ. And they help also by visiting in the American churches and singing for them.

Learning more of the life of intercession has marked the year's progress in my own life, and I am encouraged to hope that my work will be more acceptable in the future.

Miss Davis reports:

As we turn the pages of the new year and pause to look back over the past and give account of the "deeds done in the body," I certainly do not feel that monotony has been one of my troubles.

Beginning away back in January, I find myself in Houston, Tex., amidst a group of about a hundred and fifty or two hundred Mexicans, trying to put them in touch with our Heavenly Father and the laws.

In April we went up to the great Council at San Antonio, which was a revelation and blessing to me. The powers that be saw fit to send me far hence to sunny California. I took advantage of my trip and vacation to attend the wonderful International Sunday School Convention in Kansas City, visit the Institutional Church, and other means of building up for the new work.

Then on to Los Angeles. I found all arrangements made for me to go to the beach cottage with Miss Cloud. And now, passing in review this procession of little dusky faces and tired mothers, I know it will always be a precious memory to me. Miss Cloud would bring up a group in the morning, and I would stay with those who were left, getting acquainted, conducting a little prayer service, and getting ready for the new bunch which she would take down in the evening. After a month of this I was called into the mission to let Miss Berglund go on her vacation. And the daily routine began. Among my blessings is the most active Woman's Missionary Society I have seen. With our meeting every week we have a Bible study (the women are hungry for that); a constantly growing

prayer list; prayer meetings in the homes led by the women themselves; sewing days in which they make gowns for the Children's Hospital, rag rugs, quilts, etc.; visiting days, in which they make many house-to-house visits reading the Bible and praying wherever permitted.

The Adult and Primary Departments of the Sunday school put on a rather effective pageant, "El Nino de Profecia," composed almost entirely of quotations from the Bible interspersed with hymns from our various songbooks.

The harvest is indeed great in this field of labor. A constant stream of humanity asking help, direction, instruction, people from our Churches in other places, people who have lost their faith and are looking about for something better. We try to meet every demand and in the name of Christ minister to each according to his necessities.

Miss Moore reports:

I arrived at Homer Toberman August 1, labeled "Young People's Worker." It was well that some one knew what I was; one could never have guessed from the various things I *tried* to do during the first month. With Miss Berglund away, Miss Cloud at camp, and Miss Davis new at this post, at least my work was not monotonous. Nor was it hard, if I had only realized it, but never in my life shall I need a furlough more than I thought I needed it after that first month.

Now my work is more definitely outlined, and time has transformed this mass of strange-speaking strangers into individuals whom I love and begin to understand.

The Epworth League, which is my especial charge, is my hardest work, because it is with young people at the hardest age. I have recently organized a Bible study class among them and hope to reach some very definitely.

In the Junior Department of the Sunday school I have a class of girls who are a delight. The music department I have not been able to develop as yet. Thursday afternoons are spent in the library giving and receiving books. Many hours are spent in the office and in visiting among the people.

Monday evening is given to the junior boys in a manual training class, For this I have a volunteer helper. Saturday afternoon we have sewing school. We have volunteer teachers and an average attendance of thirty-two. This work is a joy to me.

Each day in something I fail, which shows me that my work is larger than I, but not larger than *He*, so I strive to stay in his presence wherein lies my strength.

Deaconess Mattie M. Wright reports:

To this department is assigned the twofold task of restoring the second-hand hats that are donated to the mission and the teaching of hat making and of artificial flower making. Its accomplishment has been made possible through the faithful attendance and service of a small group of women from the Trinity Auxiliary, who volunteered their services and fitted themselves for the task by taking the lessons themselves.

A class of seventeen was enrolled during the first year, fourteen of whom are Mexican women and girls of the mission. Eight more pupils have enrolled during the past winter. The weekly attendance varies from ten to one or two, according to the number of hats under construction. The number is necessarily small, because the pupils need very close oversight, and we rarely have more than two or at most three teachers at the same time.

At first we had the pupils help with the work of restoring the second-hand hats, but we found it a better plan to assemble all the teachers for the entire day and do this all at once at the beginning of the lesson. This plan provides the industrial department with a stock of hats for the

salesroom and also leaves the pupils more time to devote to hat making. They learned very little of the trade working on the hats that are ready made.

One of the most interesting features of our work has been the development of a demand for hats among the women of the mission. When we think of that first group that came to the mission, either bare headed or wearing black shawls over their heads, it is hard to realize that they are the same. A recent customer illustrated what this change means to the woman herself. Her self-consciousness was so painful we doubted if she ever had worn a hat. In an effort to find something she approved, a little black hat was brought by one of the pupils who was trimming it with some modest blue flowers. When the customer saw herself in the mirror in all that gorgeous array, she covered her face with both hands and exclaimed as she shook her head: "Negro! Negro!" If her next step in Americanization demanded the wearing of a hat it must be an all-black hat, not different, in color at least, from the somber black shawl she had always worn.

Although we realize the responsibility of creating this demand among our Mexican women, we have had no doubt of its ultimate good in their development. An interested friend, after her close association with the work, said recently: "I'd like to tell the Board just what I know about what this class is doing for the girls. I've seen them as they gather in groups at church or at the entertainments, wearing the hats they have made, and there is a self-confidence and poise about them that wasn't there before. I think it is helping wonderfully in their development."

Our sense of responsibility, though, is making us cautious, and we are trying to meet the new demands we are creating in the wisest way. We are discouraging the foolish extravagance of "mid-season" hats, and it is this in-between-season time we use for our artificial flower making. We are able to conduct this part of our work with almost no expense because of the quantity of scraps of silk and velvet that come in the donations the auxiliaries send to the mission.

Another way we are endeavoring to meet our responsibility is to try in every way possible to awaken in our pupils a desire to not merely make their own hats, but to learn the trade and become milliners for their own people. This is the hardest part of the task we have set ourselves, but we are not discouraged, and almost we think we have discovered some material out of which can be developed our "mission milliner."

These are some of the worth-while things in our department aside from the mere making of the hats. But the results in the hats themselves are very gratifying not only in the number made, but in the quality of the work the pupils have done. Each pupil in the class made at least one hat, and several of them made five or six. The twenty-seven pupils have made forty-four hats. In addition to these, the teachers in their own practice work have made a creditable number for themselves and to be sold to start a fund with which we purchased our first "stock." The total number of hats made in the department to date is eighty-four.

This report would be incomplete and possibly unexplainable at this point without the story of how Miss Josie Yarbrough has contributed to the success of the department. A very great physical hardship prevents her attending the millinery class, but she has taken the lessons in her own home and has done her bit by making a number of hats to be sold for our stock fund. The fact that most of her customers were in the University of Southern California is all that need be said about the quality of her work.

One peculiarly gratifying fact is that of the forty-four hats made by our mission folk there is not one penny of indebtedness on them, although the department furnished all materials and credited each pupil until her work was finished. And of the fourteen dollars supplied us by the treasurer

of the industrial department we have stock on hand sufficient to return this amount and report our millinery department self-supporting.

Houston, Tex.—Mexican Work.

MISS NELLE M'CLAIN.

The City Mission Board opened the kindergarten for Mexican children in October, 1922. The need of a kindergarten in this community had long been felt, and the success with which it has met in the three months have proved that need. The children and parents have entered heartily into the plans of the teacher. Thirty-five have been enrolled with an average attendance of twenty-five.

The kindergarten, with its fourfold purpose, is indeed a bright spot in the lives of these little dark-skinned people, who have little of the bright and lovely in their lives. Very few spoke any English when they started, but they are learning new words each day, as kindergarten is taught entirely in English. Every day mothers and often fathers come to visit, happy to see their children learning English and busy with the various activities of kindergarten.

In the afternoons the homes are visited and English classes held for those mothers who are kept at home so closely with many household cares and small children. We are getting into the Sunday school some children who were not coming before the kindergarten opened and touching many that were not interested in Sunday school and Church.

San Antonio, Tex.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS EUGENIA SMITH, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS MINNIE WEBB, KINDERGARTNER; MISS ANITA REIL, CLUB WORKER.

Miss Smith reports:

Our splendid new fifteen-thousand-dollar building, made possible through the Centenary, was completed in the spring, and we feel we are now prepared to serve our people better with the beautiful new gymnasium, clinic, and nursery.

We had "tag day" in December and realized a profit of four thousand dollars to employ a worker and establish our nursery.

Then added to our clinic we have a dental department, and the dentist is glad to coöperate with the doctor and give his services. And every specialist in the city that we have asked to coöperate has done it like it was a joy. We have been so grateful for these splendid doctors.

Two orphan children have been placed in Holding Institute, where they are making good. We have many loyal American friends, and they are interested in our people.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Coleman presented us with a car in December, and we feel that we can give better service now.

Wherever our Mexican Christians go it is a nucleus for a religious service or Church. I have attended some wonderful services in their homes. We had the most wonderful watch service at our church at the close of the old year.

Several offered for life service at the afternoon service, and at night a child was baptized and three were received into the Church; and the Epworth League officers were installed. Then we had a real reconsecration service just as the new year came in, then twelve more came to be received into the Church and will be later.

Much of my time in these first six months has been in studying my field and its needs, and as I look at the fields so white unto the harvest and realize the great need of our dear Mexican people, I am praying that God will use every drop of my strength in his service.

Miss Webb reports:

There is much cause for rejoicing over our kindergarten work this year. There has been more money spent the past year in equipping this department than has been spent for the kindergarten work in the past six years.

We are giving the children mid-morning milk lunches, and there is a marked improvement in their physical condition.

One of our own Mexican girls, who is in Westmoreland College, comes over each Monday and has a story hour with the children. They all look forward to Dolores's visits.

The children had a good Christmas. It was largely sponsored by the Epworth League Union.

There have been thirty-one children passed into public school. And the principal of the ward school says that he *wants* our children. There have been fifty-three enrolled and a daily attendance of forty-two. Thirty-seven have been turned away because of no room.

There is a marked improvement in the English work. We learn our Bible verses in both English and Spanish, but all of our singing is in English.

Miss Reil reports:

"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, . . . casting a net into the sea. . . . And he saith unto them, Follow me. . . . And they straightway left their nets, and followed him." I have sons of fishermen, which I have recently organized as the Boy Scouts, fearless, hearty, and sometimes rough. I find them becoming Americanized, Christianized, having consideration for each other, for their country, and for their God.

Out of these Boy Scouts I have different groups divided for athletics, for which we meet every night of the week except Monday night in our splendid gymnasium.

I have recently organized the Camp Fire Girls. This is work among the junior girls. They are very enthusiastic.

On Saturday afternoon sewing school class meets, ages from eight to sixteen. It has been my aim to so organize the work as to furnish a class of interest to girls of all ages. There will be several graduates in May.

I assist in the clinic at present. This has been such a blessing to me, as well as the most wonderful experience I have ever had. We have the best doctor in the city, so cheerful, so willnig to do for our people, and he is not only trying to heal the physical part, but also the spiritual. They think there is no other doctor like Dr. Baird.

WORK AMONG MINERS.

Hemphill, W. Va.—Coal Fields.

DEACONESS MOLLIE WOMACK.

In the winter and early spring of 1922 Miss Hill and I conducted club work every Friday afternoon in connection with the Shannon School. Miss Hill had charge of the boys, and I had the little girls in a sewing class. Miss Hill was forced to go home in April on account of the serious illness of her mother. In August she returned for a month, and together we conducted a mountain Vacation Bible School. This was something unusual for the mountain children, and they enjoyed it as well as received benefit from the Bible studies and hand work.

I have lived alone in my "house by the side of the road" most of the year. I have had a good many visits from the people of the community and have done a good deal of visiting in the homes, often having prayer and when necessary doing a bit of nursing.

Visits to the State Miners' Hospital, visits to the jail, and work in the Sunday school, Epworth League, and missionary society has taken a part of my time. Our Sunday school has taken an upward stride in that we now have a real superintendent instead of having to depend on the deaconess.

On November 15 Miss Magda Walker came to take my place while I was away on vacation. During that time she encountered an influenza epidemic and was a blessing to the community by her ministrations in the time of sickness and sorrow.

Freeman, W. Va.—Coal Fields.

DEACONESS KATE WALKER.

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God" is truly applicable to the coal fields, especially to one who works with people living so near the mines. In the morning the husband and father leaves his family happy and contented, perhaps to be brought home hours later broken in body because of his serious accident in the mine.

The deaconess has ample opportunity to comfort as she seeks to lead them to the source of all comfort, Christ Jesus.

The busy mothers know only a life of toil, loneliness, and drudgery. No thought is given to reading, recreation, or betterment of the home. They accept life as it is to be found, closed in between great mountain walls. They lose much of the beauty and presence divine that is to be found when we are so near the heart of nature. It is our pleasure to awaken in them such interest, inspiring them to a more active life, arousing a home and community spirit. It will be possible to do this to a greater extent when I have secured the home or community center that I am working for to be located on Simmons Creek. Also the playground for which we have been working.

We have had to arouse their interest and enthusiasm in other phases of life by our friendly visiting and our continued interest in them. We have to win the trust of both the foreign and American population.

To evangelize this section takes time, prayer, and continued effort, abandonment of discouragement, and willingness to leave results in the hands of our Saviour.

Coal Fields.—War, W. Va.

MISS ESTELLE WAGONER, MISS MALLIE MUNCY.

The past year has brought us, the two workers of the Wesley Community House at War, many opportunities and privileges of service, for which we are thankful. We moved into our new home the last week in May. Since that time we have cared for, in connection with our regular work, twenty people who needed care for longer or shorter periods of time. Three girls who were only partly under our control last year made very poor grades in school. Through directed home study, they became leaders in their classes, and two others improved in their work. One family, a mother and seven children, have been lifted from utter depression and dependency to a prospect for useful, happy lives. The mother is in school preparing to teach; the two older girls are at Vashti; twin boys are in Holston Orphanage; two little girls are with relatives, still under our influence; and the baby boy has been adopted into a good home. In the transient coal field life of our people we often realize an opportunity to care for children of families who are facing some crisis. Many times the need is for personal care and attention and not financial aid. In cases of this kind we have cared for several children from a few days to several weeks. This has been an important feature in our work, as there is no

other organization to take charge of these children who, under our direction, become valuable helpers in our club and community work. During an epidemic of typhoid the three girls who had been with us for several months, under our direction, rendered valuable assistance to the doctors and nurses.

Our Sunday school has grown steadily in spite of the organization of another Sunday school, which took a number of our people. We have superintended forty-four sessions, taught one hundred and eight classes, and have given special attention to the Sunday school music. Our Sunday afternoons have been given over largely to children's work, including Scripture studies and choral practice. This has practically revolutionized the singing in the community, and our own children are now rendering special music at Church services. We have held forty-eight club meetings, teaching basketry, sewing, manual training, and other forms of hand work for boys and girls. Our Vacation Bible School, while not largely attended, resulted in an added interest in our community work. One hundred and forty-one garments were made during the year, and two hundred and seventy-one were given out. We have just begun to realize that second-hand clothing will prove one of our best means of reaching the mountain people, as they can neither sew nor afford to buy ready-made clothing and are glad to exchange vegetables and fruits for clothes. In connection with the above work we have made two thousand and fifty-four visits and received three thousand six hundred and fifteen visitors.

Coal Fields.—Kimball, W. Va.

MRS. M. J. ADAMS, MISSIONARY.

As we look, drive, or walk through some of the coal camps of West Virginia, one wonders just how to take hold of the great problem at hand —namely the giving of the message of Christ Jesus to a seemingly forgotten people. We endeavored to do this first through the organization of a Sunday school. This suggestion was met with eagerness from mothers, fathers, and children. On the opening morning they came all bright and joyous from all kinds of homes—American, English, Hungarian, Italian, Polish—all joining in the singing of songs and the study of the Word.

Soon a mission Church was organized, and forty-five of our people joined after having been converted and reclaimed during a three weeks' revival conducted by the pastor of our near-by town. Since Churches must have weekly prayer services and Sunday services, these were arranged for and attended fairly well. Sunday school classes were organized and given tasks to do. Out of these classes Girl and Boy Scout troops grew. These troops have been the life of the young people of the camps. Community entertainments were given occasionally. In midsummer our young people and many fathers and mothers were made happy in the attendance at Scout camps in a wonderfully beautiful section of the State.

This work became missionary at once, and for nine months of last year supported a Sunday school with an enrollment of fifty-two mountain boys and girls. This Sunday school was held in a little mountain school building in what is known as Laurel Hollow.

Just as the Master did his best work through the personal touch, friendly visiting is still necessary, and much of the work of the missionary is done in this way, for it is in these visits that she gets the real personal touch and wins the good will and love of the people, not only to the representative of the Master but to the Master himself.

Coal Fields.—Algoma, W. Va.

DEACONESS BESS EATON.

September 1 found me in McDowell County, W. Va., ready for work, and work in plenty I found to be done. I was placed in the lower end of

Northfork Valley as assistant to two pastors, a place heretofore untouched by the Woman's Work. My work covers all of two and part of a third coal operation, two communities with a population of about six hundred. There are a number of nationalities, but the majority of my people are Americans.

In addition to making four hundred and seventy-seven visits, I have been teaching a class of high school girls in one Sunday school, superintending the Sunday school at Algoma schoolhouse, and teaching the juniors. I also have a Girl Scout organization in each community, with a total enrollment of twenty-nine. One missionary society has been organized. The women are few, but enthusiastic and eager to learn more of the work.

The Algoma Sunday school has been divided into four classes, one of which yet remains without a teacher in spite of our many and urgent pleas for outside volunteers. I usually teach two classes. We use the graded lessons for beginners, primaries, and juniors. The Sunday school has become self-supporting within the last three months.

There has been much sickness, and I was glad to be able to lend a helping hand. No work has been done among the foreign people except friendly visiting. A few of them attend our services.

Many of the people are ignorant and superstitious, others indifferent and "blown about by every wind of doctrine." I have endeavored to plant, and it has been a privilege. I know not who will water, but we look to God for the increase, and so we leave it in his hands.

Thurber, Tex.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS MARY HASLER, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS AMELIA ELERDING, WORKER; DEACONESS ANNIE PRICE, WORKER.

Miss Hasler reports:

This has been a year of transition in the work at Thurber. The Italian families left in the early summer. At the same time the Mexican people began to come in. Since that time we have had about three hundred Mexican people come in, about two hundred families. We have been visiting among them and coming to know each family personally. A number of these people knew of other Wesley Houses, so knew what this Wesley House meant and stood for. This made it easy to bring these people into clubs and classes.

We have a Sunday school every Sunday afternoon. This is followed by a short Mexican prayer service. The Mothers' Club is an interesting work. They have made handkerchiefs and towels. We sent six towels to Laredo, because some of our mothers knew of this institution. Kindergarten is well attended. I fear I would have to turn some away if any more came.

Miss Price has opened her primary school and is looking forward to the night school. God has blessed the work and has prepared the people for the work. Sewing school meets every Friday. Here we have twenty-one bright and happy girls ranging from eight to fifteen years of age.

Miss Elerding reports:

I arrived in Thurber June 24, expecting to work among the Italians. However, changes were going on. Many of the Italians had left Thurber, and many left after I arrived. And most of the newcomers were Mexicans. This required me to study the Spanish language, and the greater part of the first three months was spent in studying Spanish.

I have taught a class in two Sunday schools from the beginning and also have charge of the old clothes department. I teach a class in the sewing school and attend the Mothers' Club. I spend one afternoon per week, on an average, attending the missionary society and visiting among the

members of the American Church. During the latter half of September I began to visit among the Mexicans.

The most encouraging feature of my work so far is the eagerness with which the wives of the miners receive the portions of scriptures, their longing desire to read them and to receive more, especially the New Testament. In a number of the homes the husbands also read the Scriptures.

Miss Price reports:

One has the opportunity of being both foreign and home missionary at Thurber, at least one feels so when she is placed in a schoolroom with above thirty pupils who speak little or no English. One week after my arrival at Thurber, December 5, we opened our primary school with eight pupils. We are especially glad to have with us some pupils twelve to fourteen years of age who have never attended any school. There seems to be no difficulty in securing members, but our prayer is "Establish thou the work of our hands."

Night school will be opened January 4. Both men and women and young people seem interested and inquire concerning it. We are expecting great things.

Hartshorne, Okla.—Brooks Institute.

DEACONESS MATTIE M. CUNNINGHAM AND DEACONESS GRACE BREWER, WORKERS.

Miss Cunningham reports:

A year ago I was troubled on behalf of a deserted foreign mother and babies. 'Twas worth the struggle of months getting "him" handled to hear now: "He's been working right along, and we've had the nicest Christmas I've seen in years." Her looks bespeak improved conditions. "No black eyes now."

"English with foreign mothers" is now "Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic." My newest pupil, a mother with a four-months old baby, rejoices that I will teach her "figgers," that she may help John in the grocery.

The Russian Catholic priest has for months studied with our superintendent of Brooks Institute. Through his friendliness I recently organized a housekeeping class for Russian girls, meeting in a Russian hall which is controlled by his Church committee.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was a success. A program featuring all instruction and display of work brought pleasing comments from prominent citizens and parents. The school led the Fourth of July parade, carrying banners "Religion," "Education," and "Patriotism."

Miss Brewer reports:

I came to Hartshorne September 1. The workers come in personal touch with many nationalities. We meet a vital need teaching English to women who want it. They have the least contact with American life of any of the family. One of my pupils, an Italian bride, has been in America only a few months.

As secretary of the sewing school, I know practically all the seventy-six children enrolled. Over one-third of these are foreigners.

Visiting in the hospital has been a means of getting in close touch with some that we would otherwise not have reached.

Wilburton, Oklahoma.

MISS SUSIE MITCHELL, WORKER.

The first six months of the past year were spent at Brooks Institute Hartshorne, Okla.

After a most pleasant and beneficial month at Hull House attending the

Recreational Training School of Chicago and visiting the various recreational and social centers and institutions, I came to Wilburton, a new work in the coal field of Oklahoma.

The first two and a-half months were spent in visiting and getting acquainted with the people. During this time we met with the children one afternoon each week on the Presbyterian church lawn and played games and told stories.

The middle of October we decided on a location and secured a building for our Wesley House. The last Saturday in October we opened the sewing school with six girls. We now have an enrollment of thirty-two. The Story Hour was moved to the Wesley House and continued to meet Wednesday after school. We have also started a free library with a loan of forty-three books from the Oklahoma Library Commission.

At the urgent request of a few women at No. 19 Mining Camp, about four miles from town, we went out there the last Sunday afternoon in October and organized a Sunday school. The Sunday school meets in the school building, which has a nice large auditorium and a new piano. In this Sunday school I have a class of twenty girls between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years.

On December 23 we had a splendid program and nice Christmas tree.

They had not had a Sunday school or a religious service of any kind in nearly two years.

POLYGLOT WORK.

Biloxi, Miss.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS LOIS TINSLEY, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS MABEL ALEXANDER, GIRLS' WORKER; MISS PRISCILLA FREELAND; MISS SALLIE ELLIS.

Miss Tinsley reports:

Although it is rather difficult to carry out the Master's command, "To weep with those that weep and laugh with those that laugh," this is the principal way people are brought to the Saviour and into our Church here. During the past year seven in one family, varying in age from sixty to eight, united with our Church because of our being with them in two deaths and furnerals in their home.

The workers' living apartment has been improved considerably by painting the woodwork, putting up window draperies, new scarfs, etc. Comfortable new benches have been placed in Wesley Memorial Church, too.

In spite of the fact that the Catholic priest says the mothers are throwing babies in lions' mouths when they leave them at the Wesley House, the Day Nursery has had a larger enrollment and more regular attendance than ever before. Two Austrians did not want to miss a day, even begged their mother to bring them on Sunday. That problem was solved by taking them into our Beginner Department in Sunday school. One canning factory sent a $25 check at Thanksgiving time in token of their appreciation of their employees' babies being so well taken care of here.

Miss Hoover, the girls' worker the past winter, left us in February, and all of that department was for me and the volunteer helpers to look after until July, when Miss Alexander, from Birmingham, came to my assistance.

Miss Chapman, the boys' club worker the past three years, married in July, Miss Ellis from Tennessee began work with the boys the middle of September. While the younger groups are glad to get a leader and come in troops, the older ones remember their former director and are somewhat shy of their new one, but are gradually coming back.

Receiving of boxes and having old clothes sales continues one of the main features of my work.

Through one of the high school teachers a hundred and twenty-five books were sent us from a library of one of the Northern States in the early spring. With this number as a nucleus the former nursery playroom was opened for a library, and books are taken out twice a week. Some of the missionary societies have contributed to it during the year.

The friendly visiting, which has been one of my chief joys since entering the deaconess work, has had to be left almost entirely to the two club workers, but is still under my direction.

The Quarterly Conference continues to use me as superintendent of the Sunday school. It is better graded than ever before. There are now four boys' classes where there used to be only one with boys. There are from seven to seventeen in it. The girls that should be in the senior class are used as teachers and officers.

Each year grows happier in following the footsteps of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Miss Alexander reports:

God wants the girls. The happy-hearted girls, the loving girls; the best of girls, the worst of girls; and its good to be with them here. There is a marvelous number of several nationalities living in the wholesome climate of the Gulf Coast.

When the babies grow too old for the nursery, they come to me, reluctantly at first, because the glad memories of the nursery linger, and they long to be babies again. But soon the Little Housekeepers' Club interests them, and they are happy to learn to make a bed, care for the baby, etc., and enter the new games and outings readily.

A special feature of the Bluebird Group is the doll's house that they have made and are furnishing.

The teen-age group love their Girl Reserve Corps. They are proud of the draperies they have made for their newly furnished clubroom. They are even happier over the scrapbooks and storybooks that they have sent to a childrens' hospital, and the knowledge books of their club activities. I meet this same group of girls in a Sunday school class and see the beautiful spirit of Christlikeness developing. Through the girls' department, ten have come into the Church this year. The sewing school affords a splendid opportunity for the building of lives for the Master.

I spend much time visiting in the homes and long that the Spirit of the Christ might live in the lives of them all. Each new day I feel that my task has just begun.

Wesley Community House, Fort Worth, Tex.

FRANCES MANN, DEACONESS; CONNIE FAGAN, DEACONESS; EDNA EVANS, KINDERGARTNER.

Miss Mann reports:

We thank our Heavenly Father for the privilege of serving him another year.

Our summer's work was both pleasant and profitable. Six weeks were given to the Vacation Bible School. We had an average attendance of ninety-five children, who took a delight in the courses given. The Boys' Club work was successfully carried on by Miss Lucy Boyd. She gave a course in manual training and a week of camp life.

Five girls were sent to Holding Institute, three of whom are Life Service Volunteers.

Nine of our Sunday school boys and girls took a definite stand for Jesus Christ.

All of our clubs and classes are doing excellent work.

The Y. M. C. A. entertained thirty-two of our fathers and sons with a banquet this fall.

Texas Woman's College and other friends too numerous to mention gave us a most wonderful Christmas.

Miss Fagan reports:

I came to Fort Worth in August, where the work is among the Mexicans and other nationalities, and as I love the work with the foreigners, I was happy that this was my field.

As I go into the homes and meet the members of the family, I find that they appreciate our friendship and help.

I have given a few portions of the scriptures to them, and one mother asked for a Bible and songbook. Several children have been influenced to attend the sewing school and Sunday school.

Our Father has given me many opportunities for service, and by his help I have tried to use them for his glory

Miss Evans reports:

I am very well pleased with the work of our kindergarten this year. We have an enrollment of sixty children, composed of seven nationalities, the majority being Mexican; the Greeks come next in number.

Our average daily attendance is forty-three.

The work is very interesting.

The children had a splendid time Christmas. We had our usual kindergarten Christmas tree Thursday and dismissed for the holidays.

Many of their mothers came to enjoy their songs and games and to receive their gifts that the children had made and put on the tree for them. The children received their fruit and went home happy.

Thursday afternoon we took the streer car and took the children to the First Methodist Church, where a tree had been prepared for them by the Juniors of the Sunday school. The children went home with fruit, candy, and many gifts of different kinds, feeling that they had had a very delightful day.

Wesley Community House, St. Joseph, Mo.

FLORENCE E. BIGELOW, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS CARRIE GRAHAM, KINDERGARTNER.

Miss Bigelow reports:

Besides the work which is being done in the various clubs at Wesley House, our free milk station is filling a great need in the community. Eighty different families receive from one to four quarts daily. The customers deposit ten cents when they first begin taking the milk. The religious services on Sunday afternoons are growing in size and interest. The ministers from the different denominations take charge. They always bring us a splendid message.

Visiting in the homes is a very important feature of our work. Oftentimes we are very much touched by the appreciation shown by our friends whom we are able to serve. One man kept our weeds cut last summer to show his gratitude because we had befriended his family in time of sorrow. The need in this community is great. Our constant prayer is that we will be given the strength and wisdom to carry on this great work as God would have us.

Miss Graham reports:

Even during the winter months the kindergarten attendance has been good. There are three different nationalities represented, besides our American children. Several of our children can neither speak nor understand English; it is surely interesting to watch their minds develop.

Once a month we have a party for the children who have had a birthday during the month. Then at Christmas time Santa always visits us, bringing with him gifts of toys and candy.

At the close of school last spring we gave a very pleasing entertainment

entitled "The Naughty Butterfly," each child taking part. Some were flowers, leaves, butterflies, and brownies. The costumes were very attractive. The entertainment was held at Gooding Methodist Church, and it was truly a real community affair. Americans, Mexicans, Armenians, and Roumanians all happy and eager to see their children perform.

"A little child shall lead them" has been demonstrated in many homes where they have commenced thanking God for their daily bread, as their little ones have learned to do this in the kindergarten.

RURAL WORK.

North Mississippi Conference.

Miss Bessie Brand reports:

During the first four months of my work in North Mississippi Conference I visited ninety-three rural Churches. Seventy-three had no provision for departmental Sunday school work. Fifty had no organized Missionary Society. Forty-four had no Epworth League.

Over half the Churches visited were shabby from neglect and apparently lifeless.

Nearly all the rural Churches visited were failing to provide at least a small program of recreation for the young life.

If we are to take the world for Christ, must we not begin at home? Our first business as members of a Missionary Society should be to enlist every woman in Southern Methodism for Christ's service in a Missionary Society. With such a body of women devoted to missions we believe our Sunday schools would speedily become departmental and all-the-year-round, and would provide a trained Christian leadership sufficient for every work of the Church.

Twenty-three county seats were visited. Nine only are maintaining rest rooms for the comfort of the great throngs of women and children visiting them each week. Here is an unparalleled opportunity of service for our social service committees.

Since November 20 I have been assistant to the pastor of the Shuford Demonstration Circuit. Most of my time has been spent visiting in the homes of a widely scattered circuit membership, attending and assisting with the various Sunday schools, Leagues, and Missionary Societies on this circuit.

Jonesboro District, Arkansas.

Deaconess Willena Henry reports:

After an absence of seven years from the work of the Council on account of health reasons, I rejoice to be able to once more make a report to you.

With the President of the North Arkansas Missionary Conference I came to Blytheville July 21 and was met by a host of missionary society women, a number of pastors, and the presiding elder of the Jonesboro District. With kind words of greeting and talks on existing conditions and needs of various points in the district, they made the feel very welcome and that I would truly have the prayers and coöperation of the whole district.

A committee to manage my work was appointed, with the District Secretary as chairman and the Conference President and presiding elder as *ex-officio* members. This committee meets monthly.

After I made a survey of the Promised Land community it was decided to begin the work at that point, which is four miles from Blytheville. We have visited the homes and the school, helped in the women's work, in the Sunday school, and in the social life of the community; conducted a

Bible study hour two Sunday nights a month with an average attendance of seventy-six.

On horseback I have traveled day in and out from home to home. God has blessed me with health and given me much joy in this work.

"It's great to be out where the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong,
And fight for man and God."

NEGRO WORK.

The Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tenn.

MISS MARTHA NUTT, HEAD RESIDENT; TWO KINDERGARTNERS; TWO CLUB WORKERS.

Miss Martha Nutt reports:

The influences and results, long at work, and seemingly small, have shown themselves in a remarkable way during the past year. The effort to apply the "what would Jesus do" test to interracial work has been done by a group for a long time. But our opportunity in the interracial world has been given a new impulse and holds us to the inevitable belief that there is a mighty force at work which will prove mightier than all the conflicting forces of partisan prejudice which so long has handicapped.

Just as Samuel Johnson, representing the learned class of England more than one hundred years ago, said of Americans, "They are a race of convicts and ought to be thankful of anything we allow them short of hanging," so the masses of Americans have been considering the Negro. But to-day *we* and *all the world* proclaim, "Johnson was wrong," and, just so, the thinking classes, the people who really care, face the facts, and the Church steps forward to give and to help the Negro get their needs, which, as Dr. R. R. Moton, successor of Mr. Booker Washington, so ably expressed recently in a missionary conference at Glascow: "It is well to remember that in all his activities and enterprises the Negro is not asking for any special consideration or any special favors. What the Negro asks is aconsideration based upon the plane of a common brotherhood with all mankind. What he asks for is to be treated as a man, to be given a man's chance of becoming the best in all of which he is capable, of being treated with justice and fairness in all human relations, and of being accorded a man's chance to play his part in the making of a better world alongside of other men of whatever race who are striving for the advancement of the kingdom of heaven. He asks no more than this. To accord him less is to belie the Christian faith of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of Jesus Christ with all mankind."

The Church has set herself to the realization of these things.

We came to Nashville last June with the task mapped out before us. Although the work has been practically closed for twenty months, there was a starting place in our twofold purpose—viz., the highest possible community service and the best possible training for Christian social work. The ground had been purchased, and we at once began plans for the erection of new buildings. On November 29 we formally opened the new gymnasium, a commodious stucco building 57x94 feet, which at present is headquarters for every activity of the Center. This building is used in the mornings for kindergarten, in the afternoons for girls' activities, and the evenings for boys.

Our main building is now well under construction, a modern settlement with kindergarten, nursery, clinic, clubrooms, community dining room, boys' shops, baths, etc. This will be ready for occupancy May 1.

So much has the municipality believed in the value of this Center that they are furnishing us the valuable services of a public health nurse, equipment and supervisor for playground, which is not only recognition, but meeting a long-felt need and demonstrating the true spirit of coöperation.

We have enrolled ninety-three children in kindergarten, and since November have reached through various activities an average of four hundred per week. As soon as we get into our larger quarters a complete, contructive program will be undertaken.

We very graciously accept the challenge to demonstrate to the world the power of Jesus Christ to little crises, racial and interracial. We reach out and up to remove the handicaps under which the Negro has so long lived, and we go forth to contribute to the leadership of this people, our friends, our brothers, and citizens of our commonwealth.

Bethlehem House, Chattanooga, Tenn.

MRS. MATTIE ROWE MOORE, HEAD RESIDENT; MRS. ORA ANDERSON, ASSISTANT.

The work at Bethlehem House has been in progress a little over a year. A kindergarten has been maintained, the children staying most of the day. The little ones are responsive and enjoy the warm, comfortable room.

Saturday afternoon is given to the older children, with memory Bible work and Bible stories. The girls are taught sewing and other useful things.

A Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted. The enrollment was ninety or more with a splendid daily average attendance. The regular Daily Vacation Bible School program was carried out, closing with an interesting program and a benefit sale for the Church.

A Mothers' Club, meeting monthly, has been organized. The interest is fine, and the Church membership is coöperating with the work in a satisfactory way.

The Church, Phillips Temple, is very happy in having Rev. W. A. Dinkins, A.M., D.D., of St. Louis, and formerly Paine College, as its pastor, who promises to coöperate in all the plans for Bethlehem House. So the future outlook is bright, and we hope to organize new features very soon; praying with all prayer and supplication that God may direct us.

Bethlehem House, Birmingham, Ala.

MISS JESSIE DREW GILL.

A new phase has been added to the splendid work being done under the City Mission Board of Birmingham—that of the Bethlehem House.

In July I came as the missionary for this needy field. The first few months were spent in studying the needs of the community and the agencies already organized to meet these needs, and in presenting the plan of the new work to the colored people. They are very grateful for this step taken by our City Board, and many times say that they feel we have come to them in answer to their prayers. We have the coöperation of the pastors, Churches, and Missionary Societies. They have presented the plan before twenty-seven of their own colored congregations and have promise of interest and help.

A colored board has been organized, the general chairman of which is one of their pastors, who for four years was in Augusta, Ga., and knows what the work will mean to the community. The President is principal of a school here and is a capable, consecrated woman. She has visited several of our Bethlehem Houses and longs to see one established in Birmingham.

A good, roomy house has been rented, and we have one paid colored

worker, whose heart is deeply in the work. The expenses are borne by the colored people.

The activities of the Bethlehem House, so far, have been limited to the Day Nursery and Story Hour. This reaches two different groups of children. In charge of this work is a very efficient colored woman, who has the Story Hour at the colored branch of the Public Library during the summer.

The colored visiting nurse of the city child welfare department has been very helpful in looking after the nursery children when sick, and took the responsibility of getting the colored people interested in having a Christmas tree for the Bethlehem House. With the coöperation of our splendid committee from the City Mission Board, it was quite a success. The decorations for the House were made by the Story Hour children.

From time to time the colored board and missionary societies, as well as general meetings, are held at the Bethlehem House. We believe that more and more these people will feel that this is a Community Center, and that it will meet a great need in their life.

Negro Work in Dallas.

FRANCES DENTON, SUPERVISOR.

The Home Makers' School, an organization supported by the Council of Church Women of this city, has this year, for the first time, succeeded in securing the coöperation of many of the most intelligent colored women of Dallas. Several of these hold college degrees, but they give evidence of possessing the same traits that real education always develops—modesty, simplicity, and the desire to be of service. An interracial board has been formed, and the guardian of the Colored Girl Reserves has already secured the preparation of a fraction of a lot adjoining the school for a tennis court.

The kindergarten trainers are working steadily and well at their psychology, music, etc., and it serves a double purpose for two of them, who are the mothers of young children. When the insight that training brings is added to parental love, the results are likely to be extraordinary. We can see the children make almost daily progress in acquiring self-control, physically, mentally, and morally. And it is a joy to hear their soft, reverent voices repeat: "The day is yours; the night is yours also." "God has made all things beautiful in their time." "We are workers together with God." "Jesus went about doing good."

COTTON MILL WORK.

Atlanta, Ga., Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS SARAH K. LOWDER, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS FRANCES HOWARD, GIRLS' WORK.

Miss Lowder reports:

Wesley Community House has ministered to at least eighteen hundred homes during the past year through its departments of work.

We have had five hundred and twenty-one enrolled in clubs and classes, which is a gain of one hundred and thirty-five over any preceding year. During the greater part of the year we have maintained two clubs for the boys and have tried to carry out a program which would enable them to become more useful citizens. For a short time we conducted an athletic club for young men.

For *six* weeks during the summer we carried on a successful Daily Vacation Bible School, with an enrollment of one hundred and twenty-five, assisted by twenty-five volunteer teachers. Bible verses, stories, and songs

were taught the children; also industrial classes were conducted daily. The school closed with an exhibit and pageant given by the children.

The Mothers' Club has had an enrollment of seventy-one, with an average attendance of twenty-six. Many helpful programs have been given, which were of vital interest to the mothers.

We have helped with sixteen entertainments and have given twenty-seven socials. St. Luke's Sunday School and Wesley House united in a Christmas entertainment, which proved to be a very interesting event.

The library supplies many demands for wholesome literature. One thousand one hundred and twenty-seven books have been loaned and one thousand two hundred and thirty-four magazines given.

Generous donations have been received from the city and Conference auxiliaries, making it possible for us to give six hundred and eighty-five garments and sell four thousand nine hundred and fourteen at a nominal sum.

We have tried to befriend all, realizing that inasmuch as we do it unto the least of these, we do it unto Him.

We have assisted in all forms of Church work in our community, and through all our activities have tried to keep as our ultimate goal the bringing of souls to Christ and the building of them up in Christ.

Miss Howard reports:

While our work is greatly handicapped for the need of equipment, yet even under these circumstances I feel that we are holding our own. The interest in the sewing class for children continues to grow, and at the close of the class last spring some eight or ten children were promoted to different grades. I now have three enrolled in the fifth grade who will graduate in the late spring.

The Camp Fire work continues to hold the interest of the early teen-age girls; this is a self-supporting organization. These girls raised between $40 and $50 to defray camping expenses. They enjoyed a four days' camping trip last summer.

Through our relief department we were able to give aid to a large number of people who were sick and needed medicine and proper diet; also babies who lacked the proper nourishment, and as a result we have saved several little lives.

One of the missionary societies became interested in a little poverty-stricken, fatherless girl, a member of my sewing class, Junior Society, and a fine Sunday school scholar, and these kind women decided to send her to Vashti Industrial School. She is doing well there. I feel that we have indeed saved this little girl from an early marriage, since she was the oldest of six children in the family, or possibly a life of immorality, owing to the environment in which she was living.

I feel that I must mention this much about our Christmas: we were made happy over the fact that we were able to give two hundred Bibles. The children are so happy with this splendid gift that they bring them not only to Sunday school but to the sewing class and Junior Society.

Besides settlement work, I have a Sunday school class of precious little children, a steward in the Church, Centenary treasurer, Sunday school treasurer, superintendent of the Junior Missionary Society, and Superintendent of study and publicity, Young People's Society.

Dumas Institutional Church, Mobile, Ala.

DORA HOOVER, DEACONESS.

On March 16 I reopened the work at the Mobile Cotton Mills, which had been closed for several years. During these years the population had more than doubled.

There were Church services and a Sunday school when I came, but the attendance was not large.

The cleaning and repairing of the building took much time and labor. This having been accomplished, I moved into the building and opened up the following activities: Mothers' Club, Sewing Club, Garden Club, Saturday evening socials, prayer meetings, and a Bible class.

Addresses were given the Mothers' Club by able speakers on subjects which were of vital interest to them. This was followed by a social hour, which all enjoyed. A volunteer helper entertained the children who came with their mothers.

The sewing school was conducted under difficulties, both finances and teachers were hard to procure. Yet we enrolled sixty-two children, with an average attendance of twenty-four.

We have a garden on the grounds, which is the children's delight. They love to sow the seeds and later to watch the little plants come up and grow. Also many plants were donated by a florist, thus furnishing enough for the children to carry some home to plant in boxes.

Our Saturday evening socials were for the working boys and girls, who met to play games and for social life.

We have a corps of faithful teachers in Sunday school, and feel it is here we are doing our greatest work. We trained the children in a Christmas program, which they rendered well. A Christmas offering of ten dollars and twenty-nine cents was given for foreign missions.

There being such a dearth of religious life here, a small group of us met nearly every night for two months to pray for a revival. Our prayers were answered, and, as a result, there were fifty accessions to the Church. Since a goodly number of these were children, I organized a children's Church members' class to meet once a week for instruction and for spiritual help. This class and my week-day Bible class have been an inspiration and a joy to me.

Augusta. Ga.—King Mill Settlement House.

MISS MARGARET URQUHART, EMPLOYED WORKER.

We have had a busy year. In looking over the records and recalling the experiences, I am endeavoring to sum up what we appear to have accomplished.

I believe all the helpers and workers agree that the Settlement Home has told positively this year for—

Nearly all the families we had three years ago are still with us.

An increased interest on the part of the parents in all the activities at the Settlement Home.

A better attendance upon all services and classes.

A higher sense of honor and a more coöperative spirit among the young people and children.

Our motto for the coming year is: "1923 for Jesus."

Our collective day school and clubs' yell: "Altogether, Altogether, Altogether, K. M. C." (King Mill Community.)

Dallas Tex.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS ANNIE L. TRAWICK, MISS DUFFIELD.

Miss Trawick reports:

We are greatly encouraged over the steady growth of our work during the past year.

As we enter the gates of the new year we will attempt greater things for Him, knowing that he will direct our paths.

We have outgrown our little chapel and are clamoring for an Institutional Church.

A much-needed primary room has been added; still our problem is un-

solved. Four Sunday school classes are taught in the Wesley House and a men's Bible class in the park near by.

The Junior and Intermediate Leagues are doing a splendid work. There are fifty children enrolled in these Leagues.

A Senior League has recently been organized.

The sewing classes are much interested in the Dennison work; they made beautiful flowers for our Christmas decorations. There are a number of Jewish girls in these classes.

The mothers meet weekly for their Bible lesson. Great and lasting good is being accomplished through the seed sown in the mother heart.

The boys meet each week for reading, games, and a monthly social.

My coworker, Miss Irene Duffield, has assisted in the district visiting and the various activities of the Home.

We have made 2,508 visits in the homes of the sick, sorrowing, and needy ones.

We count it a great privilege and joy to bring the Christ to the people of this industrial center.

Danville Va.—Wesley Community House.

MISS SUE ELIZABETH COLE, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS EUNICE BORDEN, KINDERGARTEN DIRECTOR; MISSES JANIE, FLORA, AND ELIZABETH PENN, ASSISTANT KINDERGARTNERS; MISS VIRGINIA HICKS, CLUB WORKER; MISS ANNA M'CAULEY, R.N.

Miss Cole reports:

The most interesting event in our past year has been the improvement and enlargement of our building. It is modern and most convenient in every respect, and we are now prepared to do a larger and better work.

This is my fourth annual report from Danville, and each year our staff has been increased by one. This year we are glad the new worker is a graduate nurse, who is doing excellent work in our community. Many people are being reached through our clinics.

There is a closer union of our Church and Settlement since our new kindergarten room is used by the primary and junior departments of our Sunday school. The social service department of our Church has done splendid work throughout the year, and at Christmas time distributed seventeen well filled baskets among our poor.

Last year our sewing school won two prizes at our Danville fair. This year we received four blue ribbons, and the children say that they are going to get eight next year.

My Board was kind enough to grant me a leave of absence for June and July, which enabled me to attend the International Settlement Conference in London. While there I had the privilege of observing the work in many of the world's largest and best settlements, which was most helpful and inspiring.

This has been a very wonderful year, and after seeing the suffering and distress in other parts of the world it makes serving at home a still greater joy.

Miss Borden reports:

In spite of our being without a kindergarten room all spring, and an epidemic of flu and measles, we managed to carry on kindergarten. Sometimes we taught in the hall and sometimes on the playground, but now that we have our nice, large new room we are much better fitted for more efficient work and are seeing wonderful improvement in the attendance, our average being fifty-two for September.

Each child was weighed and measured in January and, with the exception of three children, all were underweight. With the nickels and pennies that the children brought we were able to buy milk for one month, and the

Board furnished it for the remainder of the term. The result was that every child gained in weight and health.

Each child having a birthday has had a party with a real birthday cake, which he took with him to share with those at home.

My class in "Little Housekeepers" is very interesting and inspiring. We stress the importance of good health, and they have chosen as their motto "No coffee, no tea, no pop" and are living up to it.

I have a Sunday school class of sixteen boys, with an average attendance of thirteen.

Miss Hick's reports:

While our house was being remodeled we continued club and class work, but the attendance was affected. Since the beginning of the fall term our sewing school attendance has been almost perfect. The children beg to be "kept in" and allowed to sew longer.

The girls are eager to learn to cook. In our domestic science room we have only fourteen individual stoves, and there are seventeen in the first year class. Often they are all present.

Our Girls' Club had their first camp last August. We had a rustic bungalow on a beautiful lake thirty-five miles from town. These girls, many of whom had never been to the country, enjoyed the big out doors for a week.

So many boys of our senior club, who have been such a problem for so long, have been converted, and several have joined the Church. Thanksgiving they had a banquet at the Wesley House with twenty-nine present. There were several inspiring addresses.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS EVELYN WADDELL, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS RACHEL CANTRELL, GIRLS' WORKER; MR. RAY CRITTENDEN, BOYS' WORKER.

Miss Waddell reports:

We are grateful to the Heavenly Father that we have been permitted to give another year of service to him.

Our newest feature is the Day Nursery, which was opened February 1. Fifty-three children have been enrolled. The average attendance is fifteen to twenty. We have a splendid matron in charge, and feel that the most constructive piece of work that we are doing is with these children, whom we have with us the whole day. They do not hesitate to take part in our morning devotional services, and several of the children lead in prayer. One child said that her father and mother had begun to pray at home.

On account of ill health Deaconess Sheider had to leave us, but we were fortunate in getting one of the city school teachers to give her hours out of school to help us out until our new deaconess could come to us on July 1.

Through the coöperation of the Health Center we have been able to have one hundred and sixty-eight patients treated. In addition to these we have spent many hours and nights doing home nursing with typhoid fever, influenza, and other serious illnesses.

We have had several social affairs for the young people throughout the year.

The Sunday school is doing nicely. We have a splendid corps of volunteer teachers.

At Thanksgiving time the Junior City League Union gave a dinner to fifty-three of our poorest children.

At Christmas we had a program for the whole Sunday school. Each class had a party of their own with the giving of gifts.

Mr. Ray Crittenden is still our boys' athletic director and is doing good work.

Miss Cantrell reports:

My work began July 1, just as Miss Waddell was leaving for her vacation. I found the work broad in its scope and varied in the extreme. During the summer months good out-door community programs were put on once a week, which were well attended. Our splendidly equipped playground was the scene of many frolics by children of all ages.

October marked the opening of the clubs. There are two kitchen garden clubs, two cooking clubs, and athletics for the school-age girls, also a cooking class, a dressmaking class, and Camp Fire Club, conducted at night for the working girls. In addition there is a well organized sewing school, made possible by five splendid volunteer teachers. The total enrollment in girls' clubs is one hundred and sixty-eight, and the present condition good.

Wesley Community House, Meridian Miss.

DEACONESS CONSTANCE PALMORE, HEAD RESIDENT; MRS. IRENE BOAZ, EMPLOYED WORKER.

Miss Palmore reports:

"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The Lord has, indeed, blessed us and strengthened us during the past year in so many ways, for he has given some of our desires before we scarcely put them into prayer.

We have the usual clubs and classes for the younger children, which includes a sewing school of seventy-five girls taught by the faithful volunteer teachers, three cooking classes with thirty enrolled. One of these classes is taught by a high school student. Then there is a little housekeepers class conducted by another high school student. These volunteer helpers made it possible for us to have these classes.

The younger teen-age girls began asking for a club of their own soon after I came, so I organized them into Camp Fire Girls, and they have certainly entered into the Camp Fire spirit with enthusiasm. One girl says she loves her club next to her Church. The girls are making part of their expenses by making and selling reed baskets.

Then there are Boy Scouts for boys of the same age. They have for their scout master the chief scout master of the city.

We were anxious about the older boys for awhile, as we felt something should be done for them, and we did not know just what was best. We talked to some friends here, and I wrote to several, and we began praying. In just a little while the young men sent a committee to me asking that they be allowed to organize a club. They have a club of thirty, called the "Lion Tamers' Club," with a young man as president who has been instrumental in leading others to accept Christ.

Mrs. Boaz has as her part of the club work an embroidery class of thirty girls, who are doing some beautiful work, and a little boys' club called the "O. K. Club," consisting of little fellows from six to eleven years of age. She is trying to teach these little fellows the evils of smoking and using bad language.

She is also responsible for the Friendship Club for the young ladies. This club has a regular program mapped out and follow it. They have a very high standard, and in this way they keep only the best girls.

Then she also has a flourishing mothers' club. She is leading them in a study of the Book of Acts, which they enjoy very much. They also have a social hour and some refreshments each week. Every few weeks they have a good talk along some line of interest to mothers.

It has, indeed, been a pleasure to work in Meridian, for we certainly have the coöperation of the spunky little City Mission Board and also the people of the community.

Wesley Community House, Spartanburg, S. C.

MISS AGNES J. STACKHOUSE, HEAD RESIDENT AND GIRLS' WORKER; MISS BELLE SIMRILL, KINDERGARTEN AND HOME MAKERS' CLUB.

As we review the work of 1922 we feel that we have not accomplished the many things we wanted to do, but we thank God for what has been done and press forward to higher, better things for 1923.

The activities engaged in are the same as those given in any community center, special attention being given to religious work.

Owing to limited space, the enrollment of our kindergarten is confined to thirty, though we have on the waiting list almost as many more. A Christmas tree laden with gifts made by the kindergarten children for the mothers and babies at home and Santa Claus bearing toys, candies, and fruits for the kindergarten children delighted the hearts of all. The chief feature of the closing exercises of the kindergarten last May was the graduation of eight girls and two boys, diplomas being presented to them by the President of the City Mission Board. On this same day there was a public exhibition of the handwork of the children for the year.

The sewing school is a big factor in the activities of the Wesley House. There are eighty-one children enrolled in five classes, with seven volunteer teachers. Our course includes the training of heart and mind as well as that of the hand, thirty minutes being given at each lesson to Bible study, memory verses, and songs. Six girls received sewing school diplomas last May, and at the closing exercises wore beautiful white dresses, the work of their own hands in the sewing school. At these same exercises diplomas were also presented to the Little Housekeepers who had completed the kitchen garden course.

An average of five cooking classes are conducted each week, endeavoring to teach the pupils to prepare and serve well balanced meals. During the fall this department was in charge of Deaconess Alice Sheider, but for health reasons she had to give up the work.

Until the opening of the work in September the athletic work was not a regular feature of our program, but in the last few months a regular instructor has directed this work, and great interest is being manifested.

The work among the older girls centers around two groups; one group, numbering seventeen, is composed of the older girls, and the other, of fifteen, is made up of the younger girls. Our aim with these girls is to develop the fourfold life—mentally, physically, socially, and especially spiritually. In their desire to help others they have had prayer services for the shut-ins in the community and at Thanksgiving remembered the children at the Orphans' Home.

A night school was conducted ten weeks in the spring and ten weeks in the fall. Remarkable progress was made by the pupils, some of them who have never had the opportunity of attending any other school are now in the fourth grade.

The main feature of our Mothers' Club is that of Bible study; in addition to this we have lessons in home making, health, and sanitation. Through the Mothers' Club baby clinic work has been promoted. Our Mothers' Club won first premium on their exhibit of canned goods at the county fair last fall, as did also the sewing school and kindergarten. Our relief work is done largely through our Mothers' Club, many needy families having been helped by their gifts and prayers.

A great source of inspiration in our work is our touch upon our people through friendly visiting; it is then that we have opportunity to study their character and needs and are able to encourage and help them. It is our privilege to share in the Church work of our community, and in this way we are better able to help them to look to Him who said: "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Orangeburg, S. C.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS GERTRUDE GRIZZARD, DEACONESS JENNIE CONGLETON.

Deaconess Grizzard reports:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (John xv. 16.)

Our Heavenly Father has richly blessed us the past year in this part of his great vineyard. We are deeply grateful for what has been accomplished and are claiming the promise for greater things. There have been many hindrances, trials, heartaches; but these have only made us feel our dependence on God.

The interest of the children and young people grows continually and is beautiful to see, as they have so many limitations in their lives.

The embroidery class has made wonderful progress in its work.

Our young folks love to sing, therefore have enjoyed the choral class.

The cooking class is very interesting, too; these children are learning many things new to them.

We were proud of our Daily Vacation Bible School, being the first ever held here. Two little girls received prizes for learning all Bible verses given them.

Our Christmas program was most effective, with Bethlehem background, showing the city of Bethlehem, angels, shepherds, and wise men; all songs and recitations relating to the Bethlehem scene. The Christmas offering was sent to the Armenians.

We feel grateful to our friends all over this Conference for their liberal offerings of fruit and clothing. We sell these things at a very small price, thus enabling the people to retain their self-respect and at the same time proving a benefaction to them. Sometimes we give garments, if it is necessary. Over one thousand garments were distributed during the year.

Our Sunday school is our pride, the average attendance being one hundred for the year.

Truly it is blessed to serve.

Deaconess Congleton reports:

My work is principally with the children of the community, and I find it very interesting and enjoyable work.

Thirty little girls, ranging from seven to twelve years of age, compose the sewing school, and it does my heart good to see how rapidly they are learning and how much they enjoy it. The attendance is splendid, being almost perfect each session.

Not being equipped for kindergarten work, and being a bit far away for those of this age to come to us, I meet them at the church in the village each Wednesday morning. This is a happy little group and can scarcely wait for Wednesday morning to come.

Two days of each week the little boys come to enjoy the playground, at which time I supervise their play. We feel that the playground, which has been equipped since we came, is meaning much in the development of the children and young folks.

Another phase of my work, which I enjoy very much, is visiting in the homes in the community. The people seem glad to have us visit them, and of course this is the only way to really come to know them and gain their confidence.

Nashville, Tenn.—Centenary Methodist Institute, Woman's Department.

HAZEL COOPER, HEAD RESIDENT; FRANK MILLER, CLUB WORKER; SARA RYLEY, KINDERGARTNER.

Miss Cooper reports:

The Woman's Department of the Centenary Methodist Institute has nineteen clubs and classes for women and girls. Through these clubs, four Sunday school classes, and friendly visiting five hundred and ninety-five families are definitely reached.

The outstanding event of the year was the reception and demonstration of work given in May. Those visiting the institution during the afternoon and evening were estimated in the thousands.

On June 23 we opened a Daily Vacation Bible School. We enrolled one hundred and twenty-five and had an average attendance of one hundred for five weeks. Splendid work was done in all departments. We were especially proud of the class of intermediate girls who studied "The History of the Bible," standing an examination at the close of school. Several whole families of children were gotten into Sunday school through the Daily Vacation Bible School.

It is a wonderful privilege to serve with Nashville Methodism in a Christian settlement.

We have been fortunate the last term to have as club worker Miss Frank Miller.

Miss Miller reports:

It is an especial privilege to work in Nashville and to have such splendid equipment and such faithful volunteer workers as we have at Centenary Institute.

I came here October 7 to take the place of Miss Lillian Parker, who had to leave on account of illness. I found most of the classes organized, of course, so a great deal of my time has been used in getting acquainted with girls and teachers. This has been a pleasant task, as I like to visit.

We had two Halloween parties. The domestic science classes cooked only breakfast dishes until Thanksgiving, then served a breakfast, one class having as guest the chairman of the domestic science committee. Our Christmas entertainment was a cantata, "The Rose of Sharon." We had a tree, and gifts were given to four hundred and forty children by the Leaguers of Nashville.

Miss Sara Ryley reports:

The kindergarten this year has been very gratifying, as the daily attendance has been almost equal to the enrollment.

At the Christmas party every child was present and thirty-six of the mothers. The girls received a sleepy doll and the boys a large rubber ball. These were given by the Junior and Intermediate League Union of the city. The Junior Department of East End Sunday school brought rustic baskets filled with nuts and crêpe paper baskets filled with candy.

My children are weighed each week and given health stories by the nutrition nurse.

Charlotte, N. C.—Duncan Memorial Church.

DEACONESS FANNIE BAME.

During the past year the work in connection with Duncan Memorial Church has grown steadily. There have been a number of conversions and additions to the Church. The membership of the Sunday school has increased about seventy-five per cent. We are striving now to meet the standard set by our General Sunday School Board in our Cradle Roll, Beginners, and Primary Departments. We have almost reached the standard. This has been one of the achievements of the past year.

After the young woman who was assisting went to the hospital for training, some of our work had to be discontinued. We have a sewing school, Girls' Club, and a Boy Scout Troop in connection with our community work.

There is a growing feeling of friendliness and good will between the mill owners and employees due largely to the influence of the Church in the community and the Christian attitude of the superintendent of the mill toward his people. We are looking forward to a better day.

Only those who have worked in places where the physical equipment was lacking can realize fully our need of a Wesley House. Our community work is being done now in a small storeroom. We have been working and praying for a Wesley House. We believe our Father is going to answer our prayer. God has already done great things for us, and we are glad.

Spencer Memorial M. E. Church, South, North Charlotte, N. C.

MISS HENRIETTA LOGAN, EMPLOYED WORKER.

During the past year the proposed addition to our church, for Sunday school and social purposes, has been completed, a boys' worker in the person of Mr. B. W. Clendenen secured, a Women's Missionary Society organized, and weekly industrial and Bible class work continued. There has been a gradual deepening of the spiritual lives of many of our people, especially the women and children, many having learned to pray aloud, lead meetings, and testify to spiritual experiences. A greater interest in Bible study is also apparent. Cottage prayer meetings, followed by a Bible class each time, have been held weekly for several months under the auspices of the Woman's Wesley Bible Class. Two series of revival services have been held and fifty-seven new members added to the Church. A Boy Scout Troop has been organized under the leadership of Mr. Clendenen.

OTHER ENGLISH-SPEAKING INDUSTRIAL CENTERS.

Baltimore, Md.—City Mission.

DEACONESS WILHELMINA WAHLROSS.

During the year just past our work in the community has been enlarged and broadened, two new workers have been added, one for the work among the young people and one for the newly organized kindergarten.

We are reaching some of the foreign families in the district who hitherto have been untouched by any Christian influences. Their little tots are coming to the kindergarten, the older ones to the Sunday school. Lives are being touched and won for the kingdom.

Each department of our club work shows progress, especially among the girls in the sewing club. They are so interested and are doing fine work. Much of our time is given to friendly visiting, which is most necessary as it is only by knowing the people in their homes that we can really know them and enter into their lives and be able to understand them and sympathize with them in their struggles and difficulties.

Much relief work has been carried on among the poor and needy, hundreds of garments, as well as baskets of food, have been given out; the sick and the shut-ins have not been forgotten.

We thank God for all the success that has attended our work. Again we thank him and take courage.

Richmond, Va.—Methodist Institute.

DEACONESS MARY LEE, DEACONESS BERTIE BREEDEN, MRS. MYRTLE H. ELLETT; REV. J. T. MASTIN, D.D., SUPERINTENDENT.

A statement of the activities at the Methodist Institute, exclusive of work reported by the deaconesses, may be given as follows:

Speaking technically, in our effort to help the underprivileged classes we occupy exclusively a territory comprising one hundred and twenty-five densely populated city squares.

At the meeting of the Virginia Conference in October, Trinity, the mother Church of Richmond Methodism, and the Institute were made one appointment with a view to permanent union. The work at Trinity, which is in charge of Rev. W. H. Euston, assistant pastor, is not included in this report.

There were held at the Institute last year ninety evangelistic meetings; fifty meetings of the Men's Club. We conducted one hundred and fifty services in the jails, where we reached from two hundred to two hundred and fifty persons per week, and about seventy-five in hospitals and other charitable institutions.

Exclusive of aid given by our industrial department, in which we have six persons constantly at work and where casual employment is given to many more, we have expended in charity about twelve hundred dollars.

We work in friendly fashion with our Jewish friends, whose neighborhood house is located within a block of our buildings; and we are endeavoring to enlarge our work for other foreigners—Italians, Greeks, and Russians—that are coming into our territory in large numbers.

An interdenominational group has been organized for the purpose of carrying our message to the neglected places in the city and suburbs. Last year in our various meetings there were four hundred requests for prayer and one hundred and eighty-three professions of faith.

Miss Lee reports:

Some of our families who were with us in the spring have moved away and others have come to take their places, thus our enrollment has been very large. The interest in the clubs has been greater than for several years, and in the cooking and kitchen garden classes we were compelled to turn away many pleading youngsters because of inadequate equipment. There has been much sickness among our people this winter and, therefore, many calls for material aid. Seventy baskets were given, also many garments.

The response of our people to the call of the Master has made our hearts rejoice. In one home, two years ago, the father was so bitterly opposed to everything religious that he forbade his twelve-year-old girl to even acknowledge her love for Jesus on Decision Day. A year later he allowed not only this one but two other children to join our Church, and this fall his wife, a member of the Church years ago, was reclaimed. The father recently told his wife: "Anything they want you to help in, down at the Methodist Institute, you do it." May the Holy Spirit continue working in his heart until he, too, shall accept his Lord.

The Mothers' Club, with its splendid coöperation, has been a source of great joy this year. They support a bed in one of our city hospitals, visit the sick of our community, and are always ready when called upon to aid in other departments. The Epworth Leagues of our city furnish a program and refreshments once a month, which is much appreciated.

We have had sixty-one Girl Scouts learning to become useful Christian citizens, as well as their little sisters, the Brownies, who always "lend a hand." A two-weeks camp in the country was greatly enjoyed by a few of the Scouts in July.

The standard for graduation from the industrial department having

been raised, we had only four girls to graduate in June, but we feel that they are better equipped after finishing the five grades of sewing school and two years of cooking and kitchen garden.

I have had the Adult Bible Class in Sunday school until November, when the men were put in a separate class. Now the women are attending so well that we are again becoming overcrowded. In June I had the privilege of attending the Virginia Epworth League Conference and had charge of a mission study class and held a vesper service and group meeting. I have also addressed other out-of-town meetings.

The first of October Mrs. Myrtle H. Ellett came to us to assist in the girl's department and visit in the homes of our people. Her deep consecration and devotion to the work has endeared her to all. Many a burdened mother has been comforted and hearts drawn nearer to our Christ through her ministry.

Miss Breeden reports:

Our Sunday school, which only began last year, and having necessarily a small enrollment of two hundred and fifty, is a source of great satisfaction. The school is organized along departmental lines; at least the elementary departments have been perfected, with a splendid superintendent at the head of each department. To worship with these little ones in a service prepared especially for them and one in which they make a real response is to be truly near the Father. As superintendent of the school I have had a glorious time working out some long-cherished plans.

In connection with this school and the work at Trinity Church we have been able to institute a teacher-training school, looking forward to the greater work which the union will make possible.

Our library of about one thousand books is well attended by our children and people of the community. About a month of last summer was spent in cataloguing the books sent to us by friends. The library is still in the making, as books are constantly being sent in.

In the Young Women's Club an hour each week was spent in making inexpensive gifts for Christmas presents. A young woman from the Y. W. C. A. directed this work.

Work in the Boys' Department has been along the regular lines of manual training, scouting, and athletics. The manual training class prepared a splendid exhibit of last year's work. For the best work first, second, and third prizes were awarded at the commencement exercises.

One of the best features of the year's work was a month in summer camp. Two weeks I assisted in the Girl Scout Camp.

The first two weeks with twenty-two small boys was a real thrill, especially when on the first night during a terrible storm one of the tents fell, but as no one was hurt we soon forgot our troubles in the joy of tramping through the woods, swimming, and getting back to camp with a healthy appetite. The afternoon hour of reading and rest was no easy part of the program, but we did it with a degree of satisfaction. The climax of each day's program was to gather around the camp fire in the evening for songs and stories, at which time we drew near to each other and the Heavenly Father.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Wesley Community Center.

DEACONESS ELIZABETH TAYLOR, HEAD RESIDENT; MRS. BELLE SPENCER, SUPERINTENDENT GOOD WILL INDUSTRY; MISS ELINOR FEW, KINDERGARTNER; MRS. IDA SHIRLEY, HOUSE MOTHER.

Miss Taylor reports:

The year has been fraught with many blessings in the disappointments and hopes realized, the failures and achievements that have marked our progress.

The year has also been one of expansion and, we trust, development.

The Board has ventured farther, and new activities have been enterprised. A splendid site for a playground has been purchased, and the promise of the city commissioners to coöperate with us in the equipment of the playground has been given.

Our clubrooms have been enlarged to twice the original size, giving us commodious and comfortable quarters. A domestic science kitchen has been fitted up, and we have reason to hope for a branch of the Carnegie Library soon. The Good Will Industry, while still very modest in its plans and equipment, has been more than self-supporting and has been and still is a constructive force in the community, numbers of families securing the greater part of their clothing from it. During the year eight or ten women have been given employment at different times.

The clinic has ministered to one hundred and seventy-four patients, and thirty-four minor operations were performed. The trained nurse employed by the Kiwanis Auxiliary to have charge of their free milk stations renders valuable aid, not only in the clinic, but the follow-up work. One of the milk stations is placed with us.

Miss Allen, domestic science teacher of the city high school, directs one of her senior pupils in conducting one of our cooking classes. The other class is taught by the resident worker, who follows the program outlined by Miss Allen.

An important feature regarding the Mothers' Club is the nutrition lectures by Mrs. John Gilbreath, of the local Red Cross. She also demonstrates her lectures occasionally, cooking vegetables, etc.

Our girls' department is featured by sewing school, kitchen garden, cooking classes, and Girl Reserves. Boys' department by hand craft club and Boy Scouts.

The kindergarten is a very important feature, reaching thirty-five or forty homes during the school term.

There was a marked improvement in attendance and work of the Daily Vacation Bible School. Miss Etta Mae Russell, our able director, was assisted by a splendid corps of volunteer workers. We closed with an impressive program and a bazar, the work of the children, aided by the workers. The sale realized $35, paying for the material used in the different phases of handwork.

The Bethlehem House work is slowly developing. The colored woman in charge has been made Head Resident. She has had some good training, and is planning to further equip herself for the work.

We are expecting great things from God, and I believe will attempt great things for God during the coming year.

San Francisco, Cal.—Wesley Hall.

MISS MARY KIMBRO, HEAD RESIDENT; REV. LOVICK P. SHEARER, PASTOR; MILTON H. GREENLEE, ASSISTANT PASTOR AND DIRECTOR OF BOYS' WORK; MISS NELL HENDERSON, SUPERVISOR OF GIRLS' WORK; MISS PEARLE BROWN, GIRLS' CLUBS.

Miss Kimbro reports:

The year of 1922 has been a year of changing of workers—two married, one died, two moved away—of readjustments and reorganization of clubs and classes, of developing those already organized, and with all this we believe there has been real progress.

In our girls' work and women's department we have carried on cooking, sewing, millinery, kitchen garden, home nursing, and music classes; also other clubs: Girl Reserves, high school girls, Girl Scouts, and Woman's Club.

Special mention, I feel, should be given to our Woman's Club, which gave two entertainments, clearing $127.85. Out of this fund part went to our summer camp, and with the other they are financing our sewing

school, buying a new sewing machine, and also a nice mirror for the women's dressing room.

The Girl Reserves and the Monday sewing class bought and dressed for the poor sixteen beautiful baby dolls.

Our summer camp was very good this year. We were out three weeks, with a weekly average of forty, and Sundays—Parents' Day—always a great day, sixty-nine present on the second Sunday. Our Sunday services at the camp were beautiful. Just across from our camp site was a very large and beautiful tree. Here we would go, carrying with us our little organ and songbooks, and the song the children loved best was "The Church in the Wildwood." Many, we feel, were helped in these and in our morning and evening services. We also had a girls' embroidery class at camp. We count it a real success, though our cook got sick the first week and I, with my kitchen police, cooked for our hungry crowd for the remaining two weeks. We are already talking of camp for this summer.

We have just organized The Useful Club. Our name shows you what we are trying to be—the members are girls in the teen age.

Christmas was a very happy and busy time—five parties given and our splendid Sunday school entertainment, and with it, as several years before, the White Gift—groceries and fruit, nuts and candy brought for baskets for the poor and more than $27 in money for the Near East fund.

The new year has a very hopeful outlook. Miss Grace Arnold, of Berkeley, has been employed as visitor and is doing splendid work.

We are looking to Him who gives the increase to make 1923 our best year.

Mr. Shearer, pastor, reports:

On account of much confusion of our institution with fraternal and other public halls in this city, we found it necessary to change the name from Wesley Hall to Wesley Church, the social features of the building to be known as Wesley Hall.

This was helped in bringing to the fore the spiritual features of our work. It has been difficult to convince people that this was anything more than a gymnasium or club. In the short time that the Church name has been on the illuminated sign, some strangers have been brought into the congregation. It will also clear up some difficulties which we met with in securing tax exemption.

Nineteen members have been received into the Church, ten infants have been baptized, twenty-five have confessed Christ. This number does not include conversions resulting from street meetings and meetings held in missions and factories in which our workers participated.

Plans are now going forward for a special revival campaign to begin February 4. Evangelists Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Jeter will lead the campaign.

One hundred and fifty have been enrolled in the Sunday school. The school is graded and organized into departments according to the standard of class "B" schools. There is a Cradle Roll and a thriving Home Department. We also have a teacher-training class.

The Sunday school carries a Centenary special of $25 a year; and last year raised a Conference missions special of $10. The Christmas offering for Near East relief amounted to $27.40. Toys and treats were taken to children in the city hospital, and many poor families were remembered. The total raised by the Church and Sunday school for the Conference year was $700.

Children's Week was observed and the various details carried out.

Our new boys' work director, Mr. George A. Schastey, is doing fine work. He was formerly in the boys' work of the Y. M. C. A., and is splendidly fitted for the work. He is a devoted Christian and is a power in the spiritual work of the institution. He has just recently recruited a Sunday school class of seventeen boys.

Two new boys' clubs have been organized with twenty-four members.

These clubs have a program which includes the moral and spiritual as well as recreational features. Twenty-four new boys have joined the Scout Troop, which has been thoroughly reorganized. A troop committee of five representative citizens has been secured and brought actively into the boys' work. The cashier of one of our large banks is the chairman of the troop committee.

Fifty boys are in gymnasium classes. We have coöperated with the Y. M. C. A. in their city-wide program. Three athletic Leagues fostered by them have used our gymnasium for practice and tournament games.

A good part of our ministry has been devoted to home visitation. The greatest needs of our people are spiritual, and our most difficult task is to bring them under the influence of the gospel. We are, therefore, willing to "be made all things to all men that we might by all means save some."

Annual Report of the Wesley Community House of Louisville, Ky.

REV. PHIL H. RYAN, SUPERINTENDENT; MISS ELAH CANNON, HEAD RESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF WOMAN'S WORK; MISS ROSALIE RIGGIN, DIRECTOR OF GIRLS' WORK; MISS BESS RHODES, DIRECTOR OF BOYS' WORK; MISS ETHEL CARLIN, SECRETARY; MR. VICTOR STEVENS, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.

Wesley Community House had in 1922 the most successful year of its eventful history. The institution has had a steady growth since its inception, but not until the last two years has this progress been unusually marked. In 1919 Wesley House had 13,500 contacts with the people of the community. The next year this number was increased by one thousand. In 1921 the total reached 21,133 and during the year just passed the figure ran up as high as 31,527 contacts. Thus it will be seen that during a period of two years the Settlement House more than doubled the scope of its work and, therefore, its usefulness.

The Board of Directors of the Wesley Community House is thoroughly organized. It has superintendents of departments for the men's, women's, boys', and girls' work, respectively; an executive committee, and standing committees. This Board keeps in close touch with the work and is largely responsible for its success. Tribute must also be paid to the faithful volunteer workers, who come from the different Churches of Louisville and without whose assistance the work could not be carried on. One such worker, when thanked for her efforts, replied: "Why I would rather do this than go to a party." Such a spirit surmounts all difficulties and greatly heartens the resident workers who are carrying out the daily program.

Wesley House conducted all of its regular activities during 1922 in addition to adding new features. The main innovation of the year was the installation of a large radio receiving set, which was used in a number of community concerts. It was the gift of Mrs. John A. James-James, formerly of Louisville, now abroad. The work of Wesley Community House can best be described according to departments.

Men's Department.

The Men's Department Committee, after experimenting with a civic club, a clubroom with newspapers, magazines, games, etc., and other methods of approach and appeal, came to the conclusion that the men of the community did not at this time care for such an organized form of social life or entertainment. It has, therefore, discontinued such activities and is now confining its work to extending the use of its auditorium to the Men's Bible Class of the Marcus Lindsey Memorial Methodist Church and is very happy to coöperate with that splendid group of men. The Superintendent of Wesley House is an active member of the class.

Woman's Department—Miss Elah Cannon in Charge.

The Woman's Department, comprising a Mothers' Club and a Woman's

Bible Class, with the aid of an efficient committee, experienced a most successful year in its continued efforts to create a Christian spirit of friendliness and good will throughout the community.

The year has been filled to the brim with useful service. Cheerful play has proved a great factor in the happiness of the groups, but any degree of progress achieved is due to the indwelling of the spirit of Christ in each heart, made real in the daily living and shared with those whom we know as our neighbors. (Anyone who needs what we are able to give.)

One will catch this spirit of growth and service in the Mothers' Club when we state that during the past year the club has been self-supporting in all of its activities. It gave to the Armenians $9.35; made a pledge to the Welfare League of $5; gave twenty-one blooming potted plants (costing a dollar each) and five baskets of fruit to the sick of the club and community; sent a generous donation of food stuff to the All Prayer Foundling Home; and gave eight stork showers, to which each one attending contributed a useful article of clothing. These faithful ones not only spent, but were willing to be spent in visiting, worship, and educational work. They have made 2,202 visits which, added to 1,118 made by the worker in charge, totals 3,320 social visits to the sick and needy of the community. In all regular meetings except the party days, we have devotional worship, in which we have studied together forty-two Bible lessons, sung the gospel songs, had helpful prayers and fellowship. In our educational work we have listened to five outside speakers on various subjects of interest to any citizen, visited on tours of inspection a number of the institutions of Louisville, and circulated through the club systematically two magazines, *The Missionary Voice* and *Good Housekeeping*.

Aside from the fun created at the regular meetings, we have enjoyed numerous parties and entertainments, where we celebrated all of the holidays and the birthdays of the members of the club. The third Tuesday of each month being the regular day for the celebration of the birthdays of the club members occurring during the month, we sometimes have ten or twelve on one day; and after games and other forms of entertainment light refreshments are served. The more outstanding entertainments to which the women look with eager anticipation are: the summer picnics in the park when all, full of fun and fresh air, sigh when the announcement is made that it is time to return home; or the Halloween party, when every one comes masked in every color of the rainbow and their souls filled with fun and frolic; or the Christmas banquets where the women of the Churches of Louisville so beautifully serve a real Christmas dinner, with all of its dressings, to the women and their husbands as guests.

When we stop to review the life we have lived together and the blessings that have come with it, we are not surprised that one earnest little woman at the Thanksgiving service, in telling what she was thankful for, said: "We have enjoyed so many blessings we should ever be ready to think of others." Or that one who had moved to Chicago wrote back saying: "Mother and I miss all of our friends in the club, and *surely wish we could find a place here like Wesley House.*"

The Woman's Bible Class, in which we have studied and worked together in all of its interests, is showing deep spiritual growth and has more than doubled its membership and capacity for service. We have related facts and figures of definite work with specific groups. We have not mentioned the many emergency calls from the community that occupy more than half of the worker's time; but if you could know the joy of being a friend and rubbing shoulder to shoulder with those whom you help, you would catch more of the real spirit of good accomplished and a larger appreciation of the work than one can impart in a written report.

Girls' Department—Miss Riggin in Charge.

The girls' work of the Wesley Community House has gone forward dur-

ing the year of 1922 at a brisk pace; a great deal of enthusiasm has been shown among the girls.

In this age of unrest and rush, the home is not taking time to train the child, thus we are supplementing this work as best we can. We are trying to begin early and lay a good foundation for a strong character in the future woman.

In the Home Makers' Club the little tots are learning to love the home and how to keep it properly. We have two domestic science classes. In these the girls are learning something about foods and how they should be prepared and properly served. In the sewing school the girls are learning how to make their own clothes. Beginning with the simplest stitches, they go on to the cutting, fitting, and dainty finishings that make the garment complete.

We have two Girl Reserve Corps doing splendid work. In this, our final contact with the girl in an organized capacity, we are trying to give her work that will round out her character. She is learning that it is more blessed to give than to receive, by aiding those in the community who need her help, giving to the girls in foreign countries, and to the Welfare League, and ministering to the afflicted in hospitals.

The girls' recreational life consists of hikes, parties, games, chief of which is basket ball. They have a very successful team and have enjoyed games with other teams during the year.

In June forty-four of these girls had the great privilege of a week at Camp Chelan. The camp life, with its regular hours, good food, fresh air, swimming, stories around a big bonfire at dusk, and companionship with girls outside their own circle was a great revelation as to what real life really could be. They returned much benefited and eager for other such trips in the future.

The Daily Vacation Bible School is another great event in the life of the girls of the community. They receive a wonderful training through memory work, stories, songs, games, and handwork, and are also given a chance for self-expression in retelling the stories or dramatizing them.

Boys' Department—Miss Bess Rhodes in Charge.

The activities conducted through the boys' department during the past year include an Intermediate Sunday school class at Marcus Lindsey Church; a Scout Troop; games; two woodwork classes; Wolf Cubs; basket ball; two self-governing athletic clubs; circulation of books as a branch of the Louisville Free Public Library.

Our athletic work is chiefly in the field of basket ball, which is popular with the boys and gives them splendid exercise and training. Through the assistance of a skilled coach our teams have made good records.

The new feature in the athletic work for our boys was a track meet which took place in the early spring. They were very enthusiastic over this and want it to be an annual affair.

The Buckeye and Mel Rose Clubs are composed of young men of this community. The main work of these clubs is athletics. They have had a successful year both in basket all and foot ball.

Forty-one boys were enrolled in Daily Vacation Bible School and participated in the regular program of memory Bible work, Bible stories, songs, and drills. A keen but wholesome rivalry existed throughout the whole term between the boys and girls, each group striving to excell in memory work and in the amount of the daily offerings. The boys did creditable woodwork, making hobby horses, games, toys, and useful articles, such as key racks, desk sets, and toothbrush holders, and set up a real miniature city park on a sand table.

One of the most interesting features of the boys' work is their summer camp. Under the Scout Master, Mr. J. B. Render, thirty boys enjoyed a very happy week at Camp Kaintuck. Swimming, hiking, nature study,

and scout craft were some of the main features of the week. Also interesting stories around the big camp fire. Our troop had the distinction of having the largest number of boys at camp from one troop during the whole camp season. The troop also enjoyed the annual boat ride given by Levy Brothers to all Scout Troops, and for the third consecutive time won the prize for having the largest representation on board.

Other Outstanding Features.

The following outstanding features make up a very vital and necessary part of our year's program: Daily Vacation Bible School, summer camps for boys and girls, out-door picnics, radio concerts, annual Christmas parties, friendly visiting, aiding boys and girls in securing graded and high school education, and monthly community sales.

Our five weeks' Daily Vacation Bible School, with an enrollment of one hundred and sixteen children, the assistance of eleven volunteer workers, and one paid kindergartner proved to be a most successful part of our summer program. Although the average amount of work and play was conducted, we feel that the greatest evidence of efficiency was indicated by the interest manifested, the quality of work done, and the ease with which the school was disciplined. The daily program was filled with worship, work, and play, and the children had opportunity for development along various lines. They memorized three psalms, two prayers, eleven beautiful songs, heard and retold twenty-five Bible stories of the kingdoms from David through the life and work of Elisha, studied the life and times of Jesus, learned a standard health code and health rules which they promised to practice.

Although this school was a great success, it did not by any means complete our summer program. Search the world over and you will not find happier groups than the boys and girls who turned their faces toward camp or to the parks for all-day picnics, or even into the buildings for radio concerts. The boys and girls each spent a whole week in camp under proper supervision, where they not only enjoyed the freedom of the out doors and the fresh air, which meant the building up of the physical bodies, but were given instruction and training which was equally helpful morally and spiritually. We are truly indebted to the men's and women's Bible classes of the Methodist Churches for making these times possible by giving money to aid those who could not pay all of their expenses. Turning from the summer program of entertainment and training, we worked with happy anticipation toward the Christmas parties. We feel that the Christmas parties of this year were most pleasing and helpful to the three different groups as follows: A children's party with Santa Claus, toys, and refreshments; a young people's luncheon with a helpful program; and the mothers' club dinner with their husbands as guests, all being generously and daintily served by the Women's Missionary Societies of the Methodist Churches of Louisville.

Wesley Community House, Nashville, Tenn.

Report of Minnie Lee Eidson, Head Resident:

There is, perhaps, no other Wesley House that ministers to such a cosmopolitan community as the one in Nashville. Those who are enrolled in our kindergarten, clubs, and classes and reached through the clinic, come to us from homes ranging from those of refinement and comfort to others where poverty, illness, or misfortune have made inroads into the family life and taken away the joy of living and working. It speaks well for the democratic spirit of the community that in spite of these differences of environment, all meet on common ground at the Wesley House and enjoy the privileges of membership.

Most of the departments of the work have shown a vigorous growth

during the past months. Coöperation with the city health department, boys' club, and other civic organizations has enabled the Wesley House to do a larger work. Over sixty volunteer helpers have given generously of their time and thought to further the work.

During part of June and July a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted, in which about seventy children were enrolled.

The department of relief has been able to help many families because of the donations of food, canned goods, clothing, and money sent in from time to time.

Miss Cox reports:

On June 30 I reported for duty at the Wesley House. It was my pleasure to work in the Daily Vacation Bible School through the month of July.

Then in August I tried to get acquainted with our people here.

In September our regular club work began. There are twelve clubs a week.

We have two cooking classes a week, with twelve girls in each class. The girls are doing excellent work under the direction of a competent college-trained woman. There are several girls on the waiting list begging for places in these classes.

We are fortunate to have thirteen faithful volunteer helpers for our sewing school. One helper is the superintendent, who plans the work, does the buying, secures the teachers, and also furnishes her car to take the teachers to and from the Wesley House.

At Christmas time the club members gave expression to the real Christmas spirit by preparing gifts for others.

Miss Clendening reports:

The enrollment and attendance of the Wesley House kindergarten has been unusually large during the year. The parents seem to realize more than ever the importance of the kindergarten, and I have never seen the children happier or more interested.

Our committee and friends have given us some lovely parties.

At Easter the ladies came in their cars and took the children to one of Nashville's beautiful parks and gave them an egg hunt and refreshments.

For our closing entertainment in May the children gave an operetta, "Cinderella in Flowerland," which was enjoyed by a large number of friends.

In September we opened with a full attendance, the number increasing until over fifty were enrolled. We had many happy days.

Then came Christmas. A beautiful tree and play closed our activities for 1922. Nine children received diplomas, having completed the two years' training, and will enter school.

Lucy Holt Moore Kindergarten.

Miss Coburn reports:

The kindergarten building in the mill district was dedicated February 20, 1922. It is a well equipped building and enables us to work with a larger group of children.

At the close of school the children gave an operetta and Maypole dance on the lawn. It was indeed a beautiful sight to see forty children dressed as flowers and butterflies dancing around the Maypole.

On September 12 our kindergarten opened with forty children on roll.

We have enjoyed the usual holiday parties. At Thanksgiving the children and their mothers were taken to McKendree Church to see the beautiful windows and to hear the pipe organ. After the program of Bible verses and songs, they were served refreshments by the ladies of the Church.

The work of the year was closed with a beautiful Christmas tree and

program in our own kindergarten room. A large number of mothers and friends were present. Five of the children received diplomas at this time and will enter school in February.

The kindergarten room is also used for the primary department of the Humphrey Street Sunday school.

Annual Report of Bessie Allen, Home Missionary, One Time Head Resident of Wesley Community House, Nashville, Tenn.

Before entering upon my year's vacation, granted by the last Council, I completed six months' service in 1922 as Head Resident of Nashville Wesley Community House, my first and only appointment since leaving Scarritt Training School in 1909.

These were happy, busy months. With the coöperation of City Board, volunteer helpers, resident workers, and community, as well as outside agencies, almost every line of work advanced. The high peaks of success were the organization of a music class with twenty-five members; increased attendance upon our clinic brought about by Miss Nancy Rice, city district nurse; dedication of Lucy Moore Kindergarten and presentation to City Board free of debt. This kindergarten is about half a mile from Wesley House, in a knitting mill district and is known as Wesley House Extension Work; its roll was full with a waiting list. A successful Mothers' Club and a young people's singing class were also a part of its activities. We have coöperated with the Boy Club Board, who have furnished us a splendid young man from Vanderbilt Y. M. C. A. School for our gym work, they paying the salary. We have found this more satisfactory than all volunteer workers for the boys' department. We have a splendidly attended all-day board meeting the first of June, at which time this Head Resident was toasted, presented a check of appreciation by the Board, and bidden bon voyage.

Soon after this I severed the precious ties that bound me to this work and started upon a journey to a far country. It was my good fortune to attend the first meeting of settlement workers in an International Conference, which met at Toynbee Hall, London, England, July 8-15; then to tour Europe and attend the Passion Play. Since I returned, September 4, I have been visiting relatives and friends. I am now at Scarritt Training School, my *Alma Mater*, drinking in anew her spirit and renewing my acquaintance with the classroom once more. God has been good to me in giving me all these opportunities and blessings, for all of which I want to render unto him a larger and better service when I am once more in harness. I have not received salary or any other contributions for expenses during this year of rest.

Annual Report on Murfreesboro Wesley House.

Miss Maggie M. Cox reports:

We have greatly enjoyed our first year's work at the Wesley House and feel that we have much to encourage us.

We have reached about seventy-five homes, ministering to them through our various activities.

Our Christmas was one of joy and gladness. Everything was wisely and beautifully planned by Mrs. W. R. Bell, the efficient president of our board.

Through our Sunday school and Thursday night prayer meeting we are hoping to reach the people spiritually. We emphasize evangelistic work and are praying for a great revival.

Like St. Paul, the great missionary, we feel that we can thank God and take courage.

Wesley Institute, Memphis, Tenn.

NELLE WYNN, DEACONESS.

Situated in the heart of one of the poorest sections of Memphis is our beautiful Wesley Institute building. Here we serve a community composed mostly of American people, though there are a few foreigners. These are for the most part factory people, there being four factories within the bounds of the district. For the greater part they are an appreciative folk and respond beautifully to the teachings given them. Many homes have been uplifted, and during the past year more than a hundred have been led to a saving knowledge of the Saviour. At the tent meeting held by our pastor, Rev. R. A. Wood, seventy-five were converted, the influence of this meeting being felt throughout the city.

The Department of Women and Children now has three workers: Mrs. M. L. Thomas, day nursery superintendent; Miss Helen Castle, kindergartner and club worker; and the deaconess.

Attendance in all the activities is very gratifying, the nursery is filled to overflowing the most of the time, kindergarten is altogether normal, and the sewing school is the best we have ever had, there being an enrollment of one hundred with an attendance never below sixty and often much higher.

At a recent meeting of the Mothers' Club it was voted unanimously to merge into a Missionary Society. This was done, and we now have the four divisions of the Missionary Society: a Baby Division of eight members, a Junior Division of thirty members, a Young People's Society of seventeen, and an Adult Society of seventeen members.

During the year nine hundred and fifty visits were made by the workers of this department. In this community visiting counts for much.

We have a splendid Sunday school in connection with our work, each of the workers doing her best to coöperate with the pastor in this and every other line of evangelistic activity.

We see for this institution wonderful possibilities. God has richly blessed the labors of our hands in the past, and we are looking for great things this year. Pray that we may not be disappointed.

Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo.

NETTIE STROUP, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS BESSIE BUNN, GIRLS' WORKER.

Miss Stroup reports:

I came to Kingdom House May 5, 1922. We soon began making preparations for a Daily Vacation Bible School, which opened June 19 and lasted five weeks.

Most of the public schools near us had summer work, still this did not interfere with our attendance. We had an enrollment of one hundred and twenty, and a regular attendance of eighty children. Sewing, basket weaving, making furniture and doll mattresses constituted some of the hand work. The children were taught patriotic and Bible drills.

A little rest period came at the close of the school, then preparations were begun for a Labor Day carnival. Eight booths were erected on the lawn. The Girl Scouts, Older Girls' Club, Domestic Science Classes, Day Nursery, Senior League, Sunday school, and Missionary Society helped to make the day a success. A Labor Day play was given in the evening, closing with a program by Kingdom House music class. There were more than one thousand people here during the day, and all had a real old-fashioned, sociable time. We are planning to make the carnival an annual affair, and we expect to make it much better this year than last.

The National Dairy Council put on a Milk Fairy Play here in October, using fifty-eight of our children in the cast. The value of milk in the diet was brought out in a wonderful way and demonstrated plainly to our

people. We are following this work with a big nutrition class; there are fifty-four children in the class.

On Thanksgiving an original pageant was given, "Yesterday and To-Day," in nine episodes. The first scene (the Mayflower containing the Pilgrims, who were eagerly looking over toward the New World, singing "Lead, Kindly Light") drew and held the closest attention of every one present, many of the older people said the story was given in a way that seemed wonderful to them, and I'm sure it was a revelation to many.

The Clinic is doing good work; over 1,310 patients have been treated the past year. Five Clinic doctors have coöperated with our nurse and are doing everything possible to make this department a success.

We have an average attendance of thirty-five children in the Day Nursery every day. Many children have to be turned away from the nursery because we haven't the room to care for more. The baseball and basket ball teams have done splendid work. They won the pennant in the St. Louis Baseball League during the summer. The members of the City Mission Board gave them a banquet and invited the other members of the League, about one hundred were present. Mr. George Sisler, who is considered one of the greatest baseball players in the world; was guest of honor and gave the boys a splendid talk on "Playing the Game." He presented each of the players with a medal, and they in turn gave him a loving cup. Balls and bats, part of the table decorations, were autographed by Mr. Sisler and preserved by the boys.

Christmas was a great time for the people of the community. A tall Christmas tree was erected in the yard with a very large star at the top. The tree was covered with electric lights of various colors. The star was also brilliantly lighted; all this gave a very beautiful scene; and one that was admired by many people. The children and young people gave two good entertainments, a cantata, also a Christmas pageant. Many hearts were made glad by the many nice things sent here to be distributed among the needy.

One young lady from our Senior Epworth League is in school at Marvin College. She is preparing herself for missionary work. The President of our League has entered Washington University to equip himself for usefulness. This has been an inspiration to other young people of our Church, and some of them have entered night school. We are expecting these young people to be filling responsible positions some day.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Miss Bunn reports:

Last year was divided into three parts for me: First five months at Centenary Institute, Nashville, three months resting in Arkansas, and last four months at Kingdom House. If "variety is the spice of life," I have had it, and end of the year found me greatly improved.

The girls' work at both settlements has been full of interest.

In Nashville, sewing, cooking, and Girl Scout Clubs, covering an enrollment of two hundred, gave attractive exhibits in May.

Observing "Girls' Week" was an interesting feature in the fall work at Kingdom House. Kingdom House had an attractive float in the big parade, in which the different clubs were represented.

Halloween and Christmas parties were given to children and young people and greatly enjoyed.

The Young Ladies' Club had a bazar in December, clearing $25. A dinner was given this club during Christmas week. These young women are a great help to us, several teaching Sunday school classes.

A gift of Community silver for the Girls' Department was greatly appreciated.

In opening an expression class, it seemed difficult for the children to comprehend what it meant, but their teacher charmed them so that whatever *she* taught was all right for them.

Norwich Community House, Roanoke, Va.

MISS DAISY DUNCAN, DEACONESS; MRS. NORA M. ANDREWS, ASSISTANT.

Miss Duncan reports:

A minister of a sister denomination, which has been holding services in Norwich for the past thirty-five years, said: "Working in Norwich is like preaching to a ferryboat crowd, you have a different congregation morning and evening." So we find that the greatest handicap to our work is the constant moving in and out.

Our cooking and sewing classes, while small, show progress. Mrs Andrews has these well in hand.

In the mothers' meetings nine quilts have been pieced. For these we furnish the pieces and cut the patterns. Seven have been quilted at the Community House. These quilting days give an opportunity for our women of Roanoke Methodism to know our mothers.

The work of the year which resulted in the largest fruitage was that of our Vacation Bible School. One hundred and twenty-two were enrolled, with an average attendance of seventy-three. Thirty-three did not miss one day of the fifteen. We had fourteen teachers and five assistants. The prizes for memory work were copies of the Psalms and small pica, leather-bound gospels. Our Bible class completed St. Mark, and the mission study class of nineteen did most excellent work. One sewing class made an outline spread of red and white which we gave to the Home for Friendless Children. Before the school opened we called all the children together and tagged them with house numbers, which they wore to school, thus making the roll call a simple matter each day by taking down the numbers as they filed in. One day we asked the children to find out what God told Moses to do with witches and fortune tellers. Several brought the exact quotation: "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." On the last day we had a number of visitors present, and tears rolled down our district secretary's cheeks as she realized what could be done with the Norwich children.

One result of the Bible school was that the city took in hand the mill playground and provided a supervisor for the three summer months.

To-day I would send this message to you from Him: "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us and gave himself for us."

Portsmouth, Va.

DEACONESS PATTIE ALLEN.

The work of the City Mission Board of Portsmouth operates under four departments: The Clinic, Relief, Americanization, and Milk Station. The working staff is composed of one employed worker, two graduate nurses, and a deaconess.

Clinic.—The outstanding work of the Board is done through this department. A baby clinic, ear, eye, nose, and throat clinic, and a general medical clinic are held twice each week. Hundreds of patients are treated each month. There are separate waiting rooms for white and colored people. We also have an operating room and two wards, one for white and one for colored, where minor operations are performed and the patients cared for in our own building. Our nurses make hundreds of district visits each month to both white and colored people, where bedside care is given to the sick.

Relief.—The deaconess has charge of this work; she is assisted in personal investigations by the President of the Board. The requests for relief from white and colored people during the fall and winter almost overwhelm us, and often "the day is far spent" long before all of the calls can be answered. We not only give material aid, friendly sympathy, and ad-

vice, but endeavor to care for the spiritual needs as well by helping the children get in Sunday school and lifting up Christ as their all-sufficient Saviour whenever possible. Special good times are furnished our people at Christmas by the Board, coöperating organizations, and friends.

In addition to the above, the deaconess does the stenographic work for the Board and general Church work on Sundays in the local Churches.

Americanization.—Night classes are conducted at our headquarters for the foreign born, in which eight nationalities are represented. This work is done by four of our city high school teachers, who give their services gratis.

Milk Station.—A pure milk depot is maintained, where certified milk is sold and given where needed.

COÖPERATIVE HOMES.

Eva Comer Cooperative Home, Birmingham, Ala.

MRS. J. C. FIELDS, SUCCEEDED BY DEACONESS FALLA RICHARDSON.

After a year and a half of faithful service in the Eva Comer Home, Mrs. Fields gave up the work July 1, 1922, to be with her children. Her beautiful life and Christly teachings abide in the hearts of the girls, who learned to know and love her while here.

Mrs. F. A. Eatman, the efficient assistant superintendent, did double service until I arrived October 2

A very cordial welcome was given me; and soon we were happily engaged planning for the three great events so near—Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. A birthday party, fudge, and motion picture parties gave variety to our good times.

At breakfast each morning we have "a verse a day to keep the temper away." The verse is typewritten and left at each place to be memorized. The daily vesper service has meant much to some of the girls who are spiritually minded. It is a joy to watch them "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Our aim is to make this indeed a "Home where each lives for the other and all for God." And our prayer is:

"O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea."

Richmond, Va.— Wilson Cooperative Home.

DEACONESS ADELINE M. PEEPLES.

The year 1922 has seen fifty girls enrolled as members of the Wilson Home family. While the personnel of the family has changed almost entirely, yet the work goes on, and the outlook is more encouraging than at the beginning of the year. For this we thank God and look to him for greater things.

Different organizations of the Richmond Methodist Churches have remembered us with showers, parties, and donations, making the social life of the Home more enjoyable than it otherwise might have been.

In the spring a revival at Trinity Methodist Church wrought a decided change in the life of more than one girl. Three took membership in the Church; another had joined in January. There has been a wonderful improvement in Church, Sunday school, and Epworth League attendance, also in Bible reading, several having bought Bibles. During the past few months a number have been attending Sunday afternoon services at the

jails and other institutions and helping with the music. This has meant much and has given me great joy. Three attended the Sunday school training school this fall, two receiving credits. This work is being continued at the Methodist Institute.

It has been such a satisfaction to have the girls attend night school. Five were enrolled during the year. As a result one received a scholarship to Ferrum Training School from the Berean Bible Class at Grace Methodist Church. This young woman is preparing for a life of usefulness and Christian activity. Gratifying reports of her work have come to us.

One of the enjoyable social features of the Home in the early fall was the dinner given to a bride elect on the eve of her marriage. The program was nicely carried out, and our young friend was quite appreciative and happy.

It was found necessary to send one of our girls to the Blue Ridge Sanatorium in December. We trust her stay may not be for long, as the disease was in its early stage. She is doing very nicely.

The spirit of good cheer pervaded the family life during the holidays. Christmas Day was more helpful and enjoyable, too, because of the service, in which all had a part, before the distribution of our presents.

My own life has been a very busy one. Besides the care of the Home and the girls, it has been my privilege to work in the Missionary Society and Sunday school of my Church, and also do some other outside work.

Just before the waning of the old year, the Wilson Home, at 205 North Nineteenth Street, passed on to 2700 East Broad, where we are most desirably located in a good, attractive building with modern conveniences and comforts. Our capacity is limited to nineteen girls. At the beginning of the new year we are nearly full of girls and young women, who give promise of usefulness in this world, and we trust of eternal life in the great beyond.

Savannah, Ga.—The Robert McIntire Cooperative Home for Working Girls.

MRS. A. J. SHEAROUSE.

This is indeed a great work. A great God is leading on, therefore we expect great results in his dear name—namely, that every girl in the Home shall develop into well-rounded Christian character. This can be done through faith in his dear name, the name of Jesus. God has been with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge, surely he is our high tower, our Comfort, and strength.

There have been many testing times. Tunnels to pass through. Ever his hand was on ours, and we found it so sweet to trust and go on.

The young ladies have been a comfort and joy.

We close promptly at 10 o'clock each night. With happiness and cheer the young ladies are content, and a merry laugh and kind word is our daily meat and drink. The greatest joys are found within the Home. Our vesper service is attended by every young lady, each taking part. As we gather in these precious seasons of prayer each evening, God is with as, we feel his presence, and 'tis wonderful to be there. Every young lady will pray aloud when called on. Jesus is our acknowledged Elder Brother. We depend on him and go to him for help. Not a case of illness has been our lot: several of the young ladies have married, have established homes, and are happy.

We are as one big loving, active family. It is indeed glorious to be the mother of them all. We confide in each other, tell each the other our secrets, love affairs, courtships, and trials. We know each other. I thank God for the wondrous privilege of living for him with these, my very own girls.

Following is report of work for 1922:

Average number of meals served per month.....	3,925
Total number meals for 1922.....	38,764
Average number of girls taken care of per month	34
Amount of money paid in by girls.....	$3,876 90
Amount used for upkeep of Home.....	$3,867 80

Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal.

ETHEL JACKSON, HEAD RESIDENT; GRACE GATEWOOD, SECRETARY.

Miss Jackson reports:

The year 1922 brought no very great change in the usual plan and program for the Inn; but I believe it has brought a strengthening of our organization and a steady growth in character building. As we look back along the path of duty and opportunity, we see "some deeds of kindness done, some battles fought and won." Our hearts have been saddened at our mistakes and failures, yet God in his mercy often makes our mistakes glorify him.

The word salvation has come to have a new and double meaning these past twelve months, as I have linked it up with that of conservation—salvation from loss, salvation of the saved, savers of life not yet lost; endeavoring to keep the feet of beautiful young womanhood in the path of right and duty, creating an atmosphere of helpfulness. One young woman expressed it in these words: "Here you make it hard to do wrong and easy to do right." We desire most earnestly to see the lost saved and to keep the saved safe in the midst of this wicked city with its subtle allurements. This makes our great task one of conservation.

The steady care of a group as large as ours has tried our patience, tested our abilities, and often seemed to exhaust the very grace of God within us. But all along the way I have been conscious of the presence and companionship of that other Good Shepherd, and it has been blessed to spent and be spent for this dear family which is ours.

The religious life of the girls, as a whole, has been more marked this year than in the past. There are always some who seem wholly indifferent, yet underneath this seeming indifference we often find a heart hunger for the things of life that godless San Francisco cannot satisfy.

Tuesday evening of each week continues to be set aside for the visiting pastors, having dinner with their group and leading our vesper; committees are appointed to help with the religious, educational, and recreational life. One young woman from the Inn has gone out to Monterry, Mexico, to teach in one of our mission schools there. Another is in Y. W. C. A. work, four work in the various offices of their Church boards, and two are in training for definite Christian service, while several others have volunteered to help in emergencies with the teaching in the Oriental missions here in the city.

The total number of resident young women has been slightly over two hundred. There have been a great many guests and transients. The number turned away has more than trebled the ones taken care of. We are rejoicing in that more people are getting interested in this situation and trying to provide adequate accommodation for business women. The Salvation Army is erecting a wonderful new building to house two hundred and fifty, and one of the women's clubs is building to care for one hundred and fifty. The Jewish women are just completing a new home for their girls. The Episcopal Church has bought a splendid building to be used for the girls who cannot be taken into the clubs for moral reasons. They have opened work for another class of women, those who are over thirty-five and those who are divorced. Up to this time no provision was made for them by any of the other clubs. So you see the city has made progress

in 1922. The women at the head of these institutions, together wth their board presidents, meet in some of these homes once each month.

Our objectives for the coming year are beyond the attainments of any past year. We are striving for greater results, praying that the Lord will establish the work of our hands in the midst of this great opportunity.

Miss Gatewood reports:

This year has been like Gaul to me—divided into three parts—before I went on my vacation, while I was away, and since I returned. This was the year for my furlough, and I left the Inn the last of May. For the month of June and half of July I attended summer conferences. I love this work with the young people and thoroughly enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. The rest of the summer I spent in my own home getting acquainted with my family all over again. These days were ones of real rest and joy.

The last of September I came back to the Inn, and we have lived in a whirl ever since. There have been all kinds of parties—Halloween, birthdays, showers, and going away affairs. One of the cleverest things was a surprise for Miss Jackson when she went on her vacation. The girls gave her a shower of notes and letters in an umbrella with the following little verse attached;

"This is the occasion
Of Miss Jackson's vacation
When she goes for a much needed rest
From the vexatious cares
Of mundane affairs,
Which constantly harrass her breast.

But though she may leave us,
She knows it would grieve us
If when we were not there to see,
Her behavior should cast,
(In spite of her past)
Any reflections upon the M. E.

So we wish her to know
That though she may go
Away from our care and affection,
She can bear us in mind
By what she will find
In time of showers—protection.

And while we are met,
In case it is wet,
We offer a hopeful suggestion,
That some stalwart fellah,
'Neath this umbrella,
May pop to Miss Jackson the question.

And when she returnes
With the news that her turn's
Come to feel the keen arrow of Cupid,
We will give her a shower
To the best of our power
That will turn every other bride stupid."

He must not have popped the question vigorously enough though, for Miss Jackson came back in time for Thanksgiving. That is always a great occasion with us. Then came Christmas, with all of it's good cheer and blessing. On New Year's afternoon we had open house for our friends. So you see each month has had its great days and its own glad good times.

Young Women's Cooperative Home, Houston, Tex.

DEACONESS ANNIE ALFORD, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS MARY DANIEL, SOCIAL SECRETARY.

The making and maintaining of a real home is a work second to none in importance and far-reaching effects, and we feel that we have had that privilege here in Houston this year for the more than two hundred young women, most of them in their teens, who have stopped with us. Every denomination in the city is or has been represented at some time during the year. A definite effort is made to put every girl in touch with the Church of her choice.

During the fall and winter months, on Thursday evenings, pastors from the various city Churches are invited to dinner, after which they address the household.

Family prayers just before the evening meal contribute toward the religious atmosphere of the place and have proved a real help to many a timid, homesick little girl.

Our greatest venture in the way of entertainment this year was a pageant given by the girls on the home lawn, the funds realized going toward buying a Ford touring car for the home.

Birthdays, remembered at a birthday table, early morning swimming parties, Halloween, watermelon cuttings, lawn parties, the Thanksgiving dinner with the beautifully decorated table and good things to eat, all mark happy times during the passage of this year.

A wedding added a bit of spice in the way of variety. The shower from the girls, the decorations, the music, the bride with her attendant were just as lovely as at any home wedding.

Current magazines, many of them gifts from friends of the home, are on our library table. The really good collection of books in the library are an unending source of wholesome entertainment and instruction.

Again we bring to a close the record of another year, a good year; again we look forward to an effort to make the new year a better one, realizing that "we are here to play our part." What our part may signify in the great whole we may not understand, but we are here to play it, and now is our time. This we know, it is a part of action not of whining. It is a part of love, not of cynicism. It is for us to express love in terms of human helpfulness.

Rebecca Sparks Inn, Waco, Tex.

DEACONESS LILLIE BLACK, SUPERINTENDENT; MRS. H. R. JACKSON, ASSISTANT.

Miss Black reports:

Another year spent at Rebecca Sparks Inn!

I often wonder if I've done any good; but a little remark made by one of the girls a short time ago made me think that perhaps more has been accomplished than I thought. At one of our morning devotions I had read an excerpt from an article in our *Sunday School Magazine* about unselfishness and living for others. The girl came and asked me to read it again sometime; it had impressed her so much that she wanted it read for the benefit of two of the girls who were absent that morning. That is the spirit that we have tried to implant in their hearts all along, and it made my heart rejoice to feel that the seed is taking root.

There has been a great deal of unemployment this year, and a number who have come, hoping to stay with us, had to return to their homes, not being able to find work.

Many have received as small wages as before the war, and as we charge according to wages received. we should have been taxed financially if we

had not received so many boxes and barrels of canned fruits and vegetables and crates of chickens from auxiliaries in the Conference.

A small laundry has been added with stationary tubs and gas plates for boiling the clothes. This has been a delight to the girls and to every one, as heretofore all laundry had been done in the kitchen. The deaconess paid for this out of funds saved from the monthly receipts.

The Board have enlarged the kitchen and changed a plunder room into lovely pantry, and, with a beautiful new linoleum on the kitchen floor, we feel quite dressed up with all our improvements.

The activities are about the same as every year. Picnic suppers at the park in the summer; candy making in the winter, and games sometimes in the evening, also an occasional party. The thing that pleases the deaconess most is to have the girls come to her for advice and tell her their affairs as they do their mothers when they are at home.

Our dear Mother Jackson, whose life has been such a blessing to our household, has been a great sufferer for many months, and has been confined to her bed for three months, and we are expecting any hour now for the dear Lord to call her home.

We have never seen so patient suffering, and we wonder why one who has lived so beautifully should have to linger and suffer so, but we believe that God has a purpose in it all, and she is willing to bow to his will.

The responsibility of filling a place like this is not small, and if it were not for God's help and divine presence this deaconess would have given up long ago.

Kansas City, Mo.—Thomas M. Spofford Receiving Home.

DEACONESS DAISY RITTER, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS MAE SELLS, SECRETARY; MISS JANIE LOU MOORE, EDUCATIONAL WORKER; MRS. VIDA BATEMAN, GIRLS' WORKER; MISS ANNE DEAVOURS, BOYS' WORKER; MRS. ROSALIE ROSSER, NURSERY.

STATISTICAL REPORT, AUGUST 30, 1921, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1922.

Board meetings	11
Committee meetings	32
Executive committee meetings	10
Boarding children	54
Children boarded free	23
Court children	11
Total number of children cared for	88
Average daily attendance	44
Number refused for lack of facilities	266
Number of lodgings furnished	17,850
Number of meals served	57,805
Friendly visits to home	1,356
Business visits to home	568
Religious meetings held	52
Attendance	3,053
Entertainments and outings	50
Attendance	1,897
Educational meetings	124
Attendance	2,966
Boys' Club meetings	70
Attendance	554
Girls' Club meetings	30
Attendance	329
Music lessons	483
Expression lessons	65

The work of the past year has been one of progress in definite training of the children. In regard to their school work, their individual need and ability has been carefully studied, so that this fall we enrolled six in the open-air school, one in a trade school, two in an opportunity school, three in junior high school, and the remaining forty-three in the nearest ward school. Seven are taking music or expression lessons at Horner Institute, and the volunteers from Scarritt teach music to eight more.

During the summer regular classes were held in sewing, cooking, ironing, carpentry, raffia, and kindergarten work. The keynote of the club work of the year was "Others," and it was a real joy to see how interested and happy they were in making toys, scrapbooks, and place cards for other folk.

It has also been our privilege this year to train the children for several programs, which excited favorable comment in the city. One of these was a representation in folk dances and songs of the four seasons of the year. Another was the Christmas program, and we trust that the beautiful Christmas chants and hymns and the sweet story of the Christ-Child will leave a lasting impression on the life of each child.

Cooperative Home, Lexington, Ky.

MARIA M. ELLIOTT, HEAD RESIDENT.

Of the approximately seven hundred girls who have registered with us since the home was opened in 1912, only five or six have been born outside of the United States, and of the rest, less than seventy-five have been born outside of the State of Kentucky. No foreign problem here. Another interesting fact, which speaks well for rural communities of the Blue Grass and the mountain sections from whence a large majority of them come, is that nearly ninety per cent of them are members of some Evangelical Church before coming to the city.

Our work is, therefore, largely that of conservation—trying to see that the city with its lure and glamor does not undo the good work already begun, seeking to strengthen their moral fiber, helping them to become good citizens of the commonwealth and loyal soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Our home life is happy and wholesome and its spiritual tone most encouraging. Four young women joined the Church during the year, and another one has signified her intention of doing so very soon because of the influence brought to bear upon her life since coming here.

I am humbly thankful for even a small part in so blessed a work, and my prayer for the coming year is:

"If there be some weaker one
Give me strength to help him on.
If a blinder soul there be
Let me guide him nearer thee."

REPORTS OF CHURCH DEACONESSES AND PASTORS' ASSISTANTS.

Bristol, Va.—State Street Church.

DEACONESS JENNIE DUCKER.

Another year's record has closed, and into it are crowded many experiences of joy and pleasure. No place has been provided in the kingdom for stagnation, so with the enlargement of the work, my opportunity for service is of wide range. I am endeavoring to reach out into various phases

of life, to right evils, and develop resources. I have been here long enough to see some fruits of my labors in the development of your people into efficient leaders or faithful followers. While I assist in all the organized work of the Church, I also find opportunities to serve smaller Churches and people who seldom come under the influence of the gospel. Now and then I am rewarded by seeing some one forsake the old life of sin and rejoice in a new love for God and humanity. This is the incentive which sends us forth with a new vision and new life and power to undertake greater things in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Birmingham, Ala.—Fortieth Street Church.

MISS ETHEL CUNNINGHAM, HOME MISSIONARY.

Since last January we have almost a new church. Some of us women felt that our building was a disgrace to Methodism. With the help of our pastor and presiding elder we devised plans for repairs. Roofing, papering, painting, and building another flue has helped to increase the attendance at our Church services. We have appreciated getting three other workers from our Community House to teach in our Sunday school. One of the biggest helps to our community has been Mr. and Mrs. Donald Comers' coming out every Sunday afternoon and teaching a boys' Bible class. Our pastor is a splendid visitor, but he is a student, and I appreciate his trying to get others to relieve me of everything but the visiting.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Centenary Church.

DEACONESS HELEN O. GIBSON.

For over a year we have been enjoying our new building with its larger auditorium and well equipped Sunday school and social rooms. It took time to get adjusted to our new quarters and to appreciate our new responsibilities and opportunities. Everything has to be done in a larger way. Schedules have to be carefully planned to avoid conflicting. A Church calendar of events is kept. Each organization engages rooms ahead. The church is open every evening, and often there are five or six groups meeting in different parts of the building. We find that because of our building and equipment we have a new obligation to the city. Community training schools, young people's institutes, missionary unions, and conferences of all kinds meet at Centenary. The business women are better organized than ever before. Stress is put on athletics; the baby division of the Sunday school is of unfailing interest, and a home maker's class for mothers is an outgrowth of this division. The Young People's Department in the Sunday school, in its splendid quarters, has had a phenomenal growth. A Church council has been organized composed of representatives of every department of the entire Church. In this way the work is kept a unit instead of each department working independently. Conserving our young people on every side of their lives is our greatest task. Nothing is too much trouble to do for them. No sacrifice is too great to make. We see them developing and their lives unfolding day by day. They are learning the meaning of service. That is ample compensation for any expenditure. Our slogan is: "That in all things He might have the preëminence."

New Orleans, La.—First Church.

DEACONESS IDA M. STEVENS.

My work changes very little from year to year, yet in this wonderful city no day is without new opportunities, and monotony is impossible. I have been trying particularly to press others into service and so multiply myself and enlist new workers. For Christmas, Thanksgiving, and

Easter I investigated and assigned the needy ones to organizations, classes, and departments. Our young people came back telling of the great joy it was to help others. Our Christmas baskets brought comfort not only to our own needy, but to those approved by St. Mark's Hall and Mary Werlein Mission workers, then reached out to another approved group.

We gave from our Church last year a missionary to Mexico, the year before one to China, and this year a fine young woman is considering the home field.

I help in all the departments of the Church and visit constantly. Our Church membership has increased, our Sunday school grown in every department, our Epworth League grown in grace and good works, and our splendid chorus choir, drawn from our Sunday school and congregation, is one of the best in the city.

More than all is the daily ministry to folk we meet on the street, in the stores, in their homes, who need friendship, courage, and understanding; who tell one their daily life; their joys, sorrows, and perplexities, and go on their way stronger because you have shared their burden.

I thank God for the privilege of being a worker together with him.

Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

DEACONESS FLORENCE BLACKWELL.

The work of a Church deaconess is so varied that it is hard to bring together the work of the year in a satisfactory report. The nature of the work has been that of a superintendent of religious education, working with the women, young people, and children of the Church.

The first part of the year a rest room was kept open in the church for about two hours at noon, where the girls working in stores and offices might come and bring their lunches and spend a quiet time. Hot soup and coffee were served to those who wanted it.

A Camp Fire, composed of girls from the tobacco factory, has been conducted, and cooking and sewing classes for girls from the knitting mills.

Two Bible classes have been conducted at the Y. W. C. A. and one for the women of the Church, with a total enrollment of about sixty-three. I have had, also, during the year five mission study classes in the missionary societies, two Adult, two Young People, and one for Junior boys. During the Epworth League Efficiency Conference I had charge of the class for the Fourth Department (mission study).

I have had charge of the Young People's Missionary Society and the teacher-training class in the Sunday school.

I have visited the jail many times, as well as other like institutions, having prayer with the inmates and carrying Bibles and magazines. I have also conducted prayer meetings in the homes of shut-ins, and have made seven hundred and seventy-six visits to sick strangers and Church members.

Report of Deaconess Emily Olmstead, Richmond, Ky., for the Year 1922.

"As thy days, so shall thy strength be." Had it not been for that promise, I feel sure that I could not have borne the sorrow that the days of 1922 brought to me.

The last of January Miss Bennett returned from the New York meetings, the Board of Managers' meeting in Kansas City, and a Centenary meeting in Memphis. She was not well, but rarely ever stopped to measure her physical strength when the Church called her. Early in February she got up from her sick bed to go to Nashville to an important called meeting. As Miss Haskin had wired me to go to Louisville for some data for a story, I went that far with Miss Bennett, seeing that she had her medicine every

hour on the train. While she was still in Nashville, I went to London, Ky., and spent several days gathering data for a leaflet which I was to write for the Young People's Missionary literature on the Sue Bennett School.

When Miss Bennett returned, she seemed no better, and at the advice of a physician in Richmond, she went to Lexington to rest in a hospital for a week. Two of the best physicians there were called in, but seemed unable to diagnose her case.

On March 5, in a fearful blizzard, she and I left the hospital and went to Memphis, where the women of the Council had been called together. It was a meeting of paramount importance. Those who saw her at Memphis realized she had come at the risk of her life.

When we returned to Richmond on March 12, another physician was called, also a trained nurse, and Miss Bennett's condition pronounced very critical. From March until the middle of May she carried on the correspondence, dictating from her sick bed. When the exploratory operation on May 18 revealed the incurable nature of the disease, she no longer tried to carry on the work of the Church.

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Council wrote her that I was to remain with her during her illness, that the women might be kept in constant touch with her condition. While the trained nurse had been in attendance for more than four months, Miss Bennett seemed always to want me with her.

O the blessed fellowship that was ours, and yet it was a heartbreaking privilege to minister to her during those weeks and months! During both times at the hospital, six weeks in all, what time was not spent in her room, I was kept busy answering the hundreds of letters, telegrams, and even cablegrams that came inquiring about her. Flowers came in such profusion that one person could have been kept busy attending to those and to the notes of thanks. Many hours were spent in reading and studying God's Word together; over and over the Book of John was read. When we came to that immortal verse in the fourteenth chapter of John which reads, "In my Father's house are many mansions; . . . and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again that where I am ye may be also," she would repeat it with me, saying: "I am counting on His promise." Just at twilight each day was our time for our evening prayer together, while the nurse was at supper. She talked naturally and cheerfully about her home going and the joy of seeing her Saviour face to face.

Her constant thought of others, rather than herself, was always a beautiful thing to see. She dictated letters and telegrams of sympathy to friends in sorrow, even though her own body was racked with pain. Just the Sunday before her death, on learning of the tragic accident that had befallen a member of the little Methodist Church in Richmond, she asked that we have prayer together for the wife and mother.

May I say in this report that I believe with all my heart that when Miss Haskin, whom Miss Bennett loved like a younger sister, suggested my going to Richmond, Ky., in 1918 to assist Miss Bennett in the work, that God was speaking through her. I do not know how much of the burden I may have lifted, but I do know that my own life was greatly enriched and that four of the happiest years of service were spent with her. She never failed to ask God's blessing upon the women of the Council for sending some one to her; and I never failed to express my gratitude to him for allowing me the privilege of such close, intimate association with her.

At first I seemed so wholly unable to face the future without her companionship, but as my physical strength returned after the long months of close confinement, I realized that God expected me to serve the Church more efficiently because of her touch on my life.

When the funeral was over, I spent several hours in her room at the hotel, going over the Church papers and letters and disposing or destroying

them. Early in August, I left Richmond and spent my month's vacation and the month given me by the Council, in the mountains of North Carolina, trying to get well and strong. Under the care of an osteopath, I regained my strength, and early in October I left for Macon, Ga., where I spent three months in intensive study in journalism at Wesleyan College. On January 1, 1923, I entered upon my new duties with Miss Haskin in the Literature Department of the Council.

First Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

MRS. GRACE DRIVER.

Many and rich have been the blessings which God has given us during the year just past and many the opportunities for service. Our Church has gotten a vision of a broader service and has entered upon some new lines of work.

Last summer a Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted for four weeks. It was a big success, and another is planned for this year. A community Christmas tree made the one hundred and twenty children who attended it very happy.

The director of city recreation is furnishing a teacher for our kindergarten, which is held four days a week. A Mothers' Club and Story Hour Club is also being organized.

Visits to the sick and strangers, some office work, classes in Sunday school, League work, and answering the calls of the poor fill out my record for the past year.

St. Louis, Mo.—Centenary Church.

DEACONESSES MABEL KENNEDY, GAYE HOKE, WILLIA DUNCAN.

Miss Kennedy reports:

The year 1922 completed my twentieth year as deaconess at Centenary Church. It is with great joy that I note progress. Instead of decreasing as the residence section shifted, Centenary has grown until it is more than doubled, having almost three thousand communicants. The Sunday school has grown until it is three times larger, and all the organizations accordingly. Centenary stands as a "city that is on a hill that cannot be hid."

This past year I visited 648 Church families; called in 518 homes of nonmembers; made 285 sick calls and prayed, trying to bring comfort to the sick and dying; attended to 307 special cases of distress, cases in criminal court, etc., making a total of 1,758 homes touched through visitation. Equally as many persons were touched as they came to my office seeking consultation.

Evangelism is our chief effort. One hundred and forty-three persons joined Centenary Church through my direct influence last year, and I conducted the children's instruction classes preparatory for membership. We now are locating responsibility, asking every member to give themselves to the task of evangelism, holding all the organizations for their portion.

The Anchor Bible Class, of which I am leader, has almost doubled during the year, running an average attendance of 168. We organized into a "Zoo" group method and now are running 200. Two Anchors are in Scarritt and four others in schools preparatory for special work. These young women represent a large per cent of the working force of the Church. It is with joy that I look back upon my labor, and only have one regret, that I had not more to give to a field so inviting and so productive of good fruit for the Master.

Miss Hoke reports:

This has been a year of great opportunities. We come to its close with

feelings of joy that it has been our privilege to serve another year in this great and needy city of St. Louis, where the masses come and go and where the rich and poor meet together all in one big family. We also come with a feeling of regret that many of the opportunities have had to go unmet.

The busy days have been spent in multitudes of activities. There has been no time for stagnation or monotony. Always something new and different to do; always an emergency to arise and a demand to be met. One of the strong factors of our work at Centenary is the fact that it is on a well organized basis. The deaconesses are coworkers with the pastor. He and they constitute a workers' council. This council has worked out a regular program of activities as a basis upon which we plan and build. The council, led by the pastor, meets once a day. At this meeting reports are given, new plans taken up and made, matters concerning all the different organizations presented and discussed, and new programs formulated and launched, thus enabling every worker to go out and proceed in an intelligent, coöperative way.

The things that have claimed my first attention this year are personal evangelism, an effort to increase the interest and development of our membership, and my Woman's Bible Class. During the year I have made 557 calls upon Church members, 410 upon non-Church members, 171 upon sick, and 50 special calls; making a total of 1,188 calls for the year. I have sent out 2,561 letters and cards, attended 300 meetings, many of which were taken part in or conducted by me, and held 40 cottage meetings. Of the 500 additions to the Church, 175 were touched by me. The Delta Alpha Bible Class, of which I am teacher, is growing both in interest and numbers and promises great things during the coming year.

Among other special work I have prepared for and trained for several large programs. The most instructive one of these was "Through the Gates of the New Year," a pageant given in our auditorium on New Year's Eve to an audience of about 1,600 people. We have made new plans and created new organizations, among which are the formation of a Social Service Council and the launching of a movement for the erection of a new building.

I have been active in the Young People's Missionary Society, the Epworth League, the Children's Missionary Society, the Social Service Council, and other organizations of the Church, and have seen them grow in interest and activity. Every year I seem to grow deeper into the work of this great Church and it seems to grow dearer to my heart. I only ask for grace and wisdom to live a little more devotedly and serve a little more effectively during the year 1923.

Miss Duncan reports:

During the past few months I have been very happy in my work at Centenary. I find the program of a Church worker is varied, rarely can one's plans be carried out: but we must accept the opportunities for service which every day brings with the thought that the duties we meet daily are the ones to which God would have us give our very best.

In the four and one-half months which I have been permitted to do Church work, I have visited 761 Church members, 271 nonmembers, made 108 sick calls in homes and hospitals, and have assisted in placing several in hospitals and other institutions.

Aside from visiting, my work is principally with the junior division of the Sunday school and the Intermediate League, the greatest of all fields. It is wonderful to watch the development of our boys and girls. Our slogan for the Evangelistic Campaign: "Is every member a member of the Church." So far God has enabled forty-four to commit themselves to Christ and the Church, and we hope by Easter to realize our hundred per cent Church membership.

Deaconess Emma Burton, Report for 1922.

"God hath not promised skies ever blue,
Flower-strewn pathways always for you.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain;
But he hath promised strength from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love."

Not one word of this good promise has ever failed. He has been my "shield and buckler." Indeed, a very present help in every time of need.

The past year has been one of varied experiences. Looking back over the time, I find myself at a loss to know what and how to report. The first five months I spent in Centenary Church, St. Louis. My work was mostly that of visiting in the homes of members and prospective members, teaching in the Sunday school, helping in the Intermediate League, and other activities of the Church. I was not well during the time and really could not do the work justice, though the pastor and other workers were very kind and patient.

Since the first of June I have been on leave of absence, trying to regain my health. Now I am well and anxious to be busy again, for there is nothing like a life of service for Christ. During this time of waiting my prayer has been "that in all things he might have the preëminence."

For the goodness of God, the kind consideration of the Council, and the unfailing love of my friends in Kansas City and elsewhere, my heart is truly grateful.

First Methodist Church, Corsicana, Tex.

MRS. MARY M'CLURE, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

I have had the privilege of serving First Church, as pastor's assistant, since the first of September.

This Church has a membership of over fourteen hundred splendid people with whom to work.

I spend part of each day doing office work, but most of my time has been spent visiting. I read and pray with the sick and shut-ins, and carry a message of comfort to those in sorrow, never forgetting the stranger within our gates. I have visited the hospital, two orphanages, the Old Folk's Home, and the jail, have distributed religious papers, food, clothing, and fuel to those in need.

I have attended all the services, taken part in the various activities of the Church, and tried to coöperate with the pastor in every department of the work.

The pastor is enlarging the program of the Church, hence we are planning for another worker, whose duty it will be to keep records and take charge of the young people's work.

This is a large field for service, and I believe God is blessing our efforts to help bring in his kingdom.

Capitol Street Church, Jackson, Miss.

MISS GRACE ROWLAND, HOME MISSIONARY.

The first of September found me in Jackson. The first month was spent in attending a series of meetings which were in progress and in studying the community and the various activities of the Church. This city, the capital city of the State, has recently experienced a great revival of religion, and the Church occupies a very prominent place in the minds of the people. As assistant to the pastor of the Capitol Street Church, which has a membership of eighteen hundred members, my duties are many and varied.

I am the captain of the Girl Scout Troop and have given some time to the general work of scouting for girls in the city. I teach the girl's section of the Teacher-Training Class in the Sunday school, in which there are seventeen girls enrolled. I represent the pastor in the Epworth League, both in the devotional meetings, held on Sunday night, and in the Council, making suggestions for the progress of the League work. This Church has a very efficient League, and our attendance is never less than eighty-five. Work with young people is always satisfying.

A number of hours each week are given to visiting and to the work of the office.

Baltimore, Md.—Wilkens Avenue Church.

MISS CAROBEL SHEAROUSE, HOME MISSIONARY.

For a long time I looked forward to the day when I could really be a pastor's assistant. Now I have found that the realization is far greater than the anticipation.

O, the varied experiences I have had during these few months! I have at least attempted to do almost everything I can think of, from shampooing a little girl's hair (her mother was sick) and teaching kindergarten on up to that greatest of all privileges—seeing souls accept Jesus as their personal Saviour.

My work is especially with young people and children. I am in charge of our Junior Church, Girl's Brigade, Young People's Missionary Society, assist in the Epworth League, and teach a large Sunday school class of young ladies. In these organizations we have a program which includes the social, intellectual, physical, and spiritual development of the young life of our Church. It is indeed encouraging to see the remarkable response which has been given and the rapid growth in every department of the work.

Many wonderful experiences have been mine as I have visited for the Church and Sunday school.

Other phases of my work are: Assisting with the clerical work of the Church, planning and training for pageants, and teaching a mission study class.

Truly I can say, "I am happy in the service of the King," and to him who has so richly blessed, I again pledge my allegiance.

First Methodist Church, Charlottesville, Va.

DEACONESS HELEN GARDNER.

The past year of this Church has been recorded as the best, from every standpoint, of its history, and it has been my privilege to have a part in its many activities. We have about as large a membership as this town could afford, and our big task here is to make every activity in the Church count in the daily lives of our members and in the community and university. The Church School, Missionary Societies, Camp Fire Girls, and Epworth Leagues are doing a splendid work, and it is a privilege and by no means small task to work with these and to feel that I am having a part in accomplishing of that for which these organizations are promoted. The program of a Church worker is indeed a varied one, and my days are filled with office work, visiting, teaching, and "preaching"; in all of these tasks I am trying to do it as unto Him and make each count for the furtherance of his kingdom. I have found during these years of service that it is easy to drift into routine and forget the "first vision," and that it is only as we keep in close touch with the Master that we can put the touch of eternity on our daily tasks and opportunities.

The eye of Southern Methodism, certainly of the Virginia Conference, is upon us at this time because of the large and splendid new University Church that is under way here. Because of a large appropriation that

has been given by the Boards of our Church, this church will be one of the best-equipped plants for the educational and social advantages of our young people of any in the South. We believe this much-needed building and equipment will count for great things in the upbuilding of his kingdom among the students and residents of this university city.

First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.

MISS EDITH LEIGHTY, HOME MISSIONARY.

I came to Shreveport early in February, not as the pastor's assistant, but to serve the Woman's Missionary Society, which is the largest in the connection. For some time the Church had felt its responsibility to the young business women in a larger way, and in order to get conditions more clearly before us we made a survey of the business section of the city. Our findings showed that over three hundred young women, or one-third, were living away from home, and the need of a coöperative home was brought very clearly to us, although it was decided that this could not be launched at that time. However, plans were made for a small athletic field and tennis and volley ball were offered to the business girls two evenings each week during the summer.

A Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted during the month of July, in which the interest was splendid and the attendance almost perfect. We did not enroll a great many boys in this school, not because they did not want to come, but because we were so poorly equipped for boys' work. Late in the fall we secured a shack near the church to be used as a Boy's Club house. The boys were very enthusiastic getting the house ready, and it was a very happy crowd of boys, mostly Italians, who held their first meeting on Christmas Day in the new club home.

Our Camp Fire is now nearly a year old, and we have had many good times together—programs, hikes, and a camping trip.

First Methodist Church, Houston, Tex.

BITHIAH REED, CHURCH DEACONESS.

Coming to a new field of work in June, I found the former pastor departing for China and a new pastor going through the same experience as befell me, of getting adjusted to a new Church and its methods of work. So capably did he fill the place made vacant by Bishop Hay that every phase of the work moved along smoothly.

At present every organization of the Church is taking on new life. The Sunday school has shown a fifty per cent increase over last year's attendance. Our average attendance has been near twelve hundred, without any special exertion. We are hoping to grow so big that a Sunday school plant will be necessary before another twelve months has elapsed.

Our membership is scattered over all parts of this widely scattered city. We have the city divided into districts and a woman as chairman of each district. She, with her helpers, visits the members in her allotted territory and reports regularly to me on these items: Sickness, change of address, new Methodist families, and unchurched people. We find it a great help in getting to know this large membership of three thousand five hundred folk.

My visiting time is spent largely in seeing those who are sick, the new and prospective members. Since the Church bought a closed car for my use, I can do much more.

My Bible class of young mothers is a constant joy and inspiration.

McKinley Avenue Methodist Church, San Antonio, Tex.

ELLA BOWDEN, CHURCH WORKER.

This has been a busy, happy year. I thank our Father each day for the blessed opportunity of service.

My work here is, in a general way, meeting with committees, class meetings, parties, entertainments, and programs for the young people, superintendent of Junior Missionary Society, sponsor for the Intermediate League, teach the Ella Bowden Service class, a peppy class of fifty-six young married women. We clothe an orphan, pay $10 per month toward tuition for a missionary student, besides our local work.

My principal work is visitation. Our Church has had a wonderful, steady growth in every department. As far as we can now tell, everything is all right for me to come back. Without a doubt this is the climate for me, we've discovered after those years of physical breakdown. I am planning and praying for the greatest year of service I have given.

El Dorado, Ark.—First Methodist Church.

MISS FLORENCE WHITESIDE, CHURCH WORKER.

It is a unique privilege to be a pioneer in an old home town. The development of the oil fields in El Dorado caused a sudden growth in population and a complication of problems. In a rapidly growing town of more than twenty thousand there are only three resident pastors. People are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Our Church and others are erecting new buildings.

Every day registers some community progress, and it is thrilling to have a part in it. I have coöperated with the school nurse, the Salvation Army, and the Christmas Full Stocking Club, and led in securing a county appropriation for Juvenile Court.

I am promoting the organization of Girl Reserves in the new Y. W. C. A., of which I am a charter member.

Home and school visitation and other Church work have been satisfying in results. God is guiding and sustaining in the midst of overwhelming needs and opportunities.

Central Methodist Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

REPORT FROM EMILY M. COWLEY, CHURCH WORKER.

I arrived here December 11. It is too early, because of change in assistants in office and to the pastor, to say what change may yet come.

I am a member and secretary in the board of stewards. I am secretary of building fund. I am superintendent of the Intermediate and Senior Departments of the Sunday school, which latter will give objective and definiteness to my visiting, very little of which I have done up to this time.

Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.

K. C. EAST, PRESIDENT.

(Established 1897.)

The Sue Bennett Memorial School has, with the past regular session, completed a quarter of a century of service in the mountain section of Southeastern Kentucky, and the good which it has accomplished cannot be measured.

This report covers the fiscal year ending December 31, 1922, but the data in the following paragraph is for the school year 1921-1922, in that the present school year is still in progress and will be given in the report for another year.

The enrollment for the school year 1921-1922 of students in all departments was 884, divided by schools as follows: Regular Session—College, 18; High School, 130; Normal School, 149; Model School, 142; School of Music, 147; School of Business, 127. Summer Session: Normal School, 86; Model School, 17; and School of Business, 68. The faculty numbered twenty-seven, the President and twenty-six assistants.

Among the improvements and additions made during the summer and fall of 1922 may be listed the following: Boys' Hall replastered and retinted, six cottages repaired and new furnishings added, victrola and record purchased for Department of Public School Music, additional equipment for Girls' Hall and dining hall, additional equipment for Departments of Home Economics and Manual Training, and a rest room provided and equipped for the girls in the basement of the High School Building.

Special emphasis has been laid on the social and religious phases of school life. The religious work is carried on daily through the Bible classes, the chapel exercises, and the evening devotion in the dining hall at the end of the day. A school meeting is held each year in the school auditorium. Sue bennett is fortunate in securing Rev. Mr. Weldon, of Madisonville, Ky., to conduct the meeting in February of this school year, and wonderful results are expected.

I have only one recommendation to offer at this time: Sue Bennett is in great need of a gymnasium and power plant. These two can be combined in one plant and thereby reduce the initial outlay and upkeep. With this additional improvement Sue Bennett School will be in a position to compete with any school in this section and can then do its best and most helpful work.

OPHELIA ROBBITT, TEACHER OF BIBLE.

Sue Bennett work is going along nicely. The enrollment may not be as large as last year, still we feel we have quality. Our work will rank with the best. Our new superintendent, Mr. East, is very efficient; we, as teachers and most of the town people, find it easy to coöperate with him.

My school and Church work is much the same as last year, except, of course, we add a little wisdom and more joy each year. This is undoubtably a wonderful field. I believe God still expects great things to come from Sue Bennett.

Brevard, N. C.—Brevard Institute.

MR. C. H. TROWBRIGDE, SUPERINTENDENT.

The outstanding event of the year is the completion of the boys' dormitory on the new farm. The unfinished residence, purchased with the farm, was extended to more than double its capacity. The entire first floor is finished in oak, and contains a game and assembly room and an apartment for the teacher in charge.

The new farm has produced one crop, whose value is estimated at the cost of production, including the salary of the farmer. Each year should show greater profit as the possibilities of the land become more evident. The original expectation that it could best be used as a stock farm seems justified. City water had to be piped from the old campus, and a number of necessary farm machines have been purchased.

The opening of the boys' dormitory made possible an increase of enrollment from 153 in October, 1921, to 205 in October, 1922. Two cottages heretofore occupied by boys are being used by girls. The growth of the boys' department has not kept pace wih the increased accommodations for them, but we have not had room for all the girls who have applied for admission.

The increase in plant and enrollment has meant an enlarged faculty,

and this, in turn, has permitted greater attention to certain problems. The special drives for 1922-1923 are for greater efficiency of student labor and for better methods of accounting. It is hoped that more adult supervision of labor may lead to a more adequate consideration of individual differences in pupils and a more rapid elimination of unfortunate traits. The farm is now producing all the meat and milk consumed by the boarding department and is mixing its own feed from materials, the most of which it has grown. The cost of production is being reduced from month to month. The shop has helped in furnishing the new dormitory and in repairing and refurnishing the older buildings. Greater attention has correspondingly been paid to the upkeep of the girls' dormitory and to the comfort of its inmates. The books have been audited more thoroughly than ever before, and more detailed reports are being prepared for the Nashville office. The larger number of boys and the stimulus of the new entrance have contributed to greater efforts for the beautification of the campus. A considerable amount of excellent equipment has been installed in the kitchen.

The vocational guidance courses inaugurated last year are being further developed and are apparently worth while. Students evidently unsuited for college are advised to elect vocational studies, while those who do good book work can be prepared for college.

The proportion of students professing religion in 1921-1922 was not quite so large as usual, though a steady growth in right living was manifest. The religious spirit seems excellent since school reopened in September, and the revival, in January, 1923, led to a public profession on the part of almost all of the boarding students and the majority of the day students.

Laredo, Tex.—Holding Institute.

DR. J. M. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT.

Introduction.

Another year? How soon! Yet we pass our days, even in a mission school, as a tale that is told. Each year brings about the same responsibilities and carries with it about the same trials, troubles, and tribulations, but of course carries with it health, happiness, and honest uprightness of conduct, laying a foundation for future usefulness in the hearts and lives of the children who are here for instruction.

Health.

Throughout the year teachers and children have been free from disease. The slight ailments arising from colds, etc., have yielded to home treatment. We have had a happy school family, on the whole, due very largely to health conditions. There is unusual pleasure in helping to train children to be healthy, happy, and upright.

Teachers.

Along with other problems, the teacher problem, like the poor, we have always with us. With some there is not enough religion in the school activities. With others, there is too much religion. Between the upper and the nether millstones, we are grinding away, and trust we are getting results for the advancing kingdom. However, we always have some teachers who are as true to the aims and purposes of the school as the needle to its pole. Such teachers are the very salt of the earth in work of this character.

Religious Activities.

Religiously the school is gaining ground. In the early part of the year we had the greatest revival experienced in many years under the preaching of

Brother Onderdonk. There was a wonderful manifestation of the Holy Spirit, touching the entire school. These wonderful times of rejoicing from the Lord are a part of the work. We have at present a Life Service Band of about twenty-five. If these engage in real service, what a time of rejoicing it will be when they bring in their sheaves at the harvest!

The Flood.

In June a most disastrous flood swept the Rio Grande Valley. In this section, there is neither record nor tradition of a flood even approaching this one. The school came in for its full share of damage. All the buildings were flooded, and the water was on the second floor in four of them. The damage and loss amounted to more than thirty thousand dollars. A part of the damage has been made good in repairs and in the purchase of new articles, but only so much as was absolutely necessary to meet the requirements of conducting school work. Doubtless it will require years to recover from the full force of the flood.

Buildings Needed.

Another time I call your attention to the necessity of having a school building with an auditorium, a small hospital building, and a gymnasium. Our schoolrooms are altogether inadequate and our chapel would seat comfortably about half the number we have. Everything and everywhere is crowded. It is very difficult for the teachers to render acceptable service under stuch conditions. We can scarcely get along without the hospital accommodation. The small room we use for the sick is not at all suited for such work, and it is absolutely impossible to isolate a child with a contagious or infectious disease. While the school has never had a gymnasium, the need is none the less urgent. The well-rounded physical development of the children demands it. I fear that we shall not meet our responsibilities as we should unless we provide these buildings and at an early date. The urgency prompts me to insist.

State Affiliation.

Like everything else in the last few years, the schools have undergone a standardizing process, which is entirely in the hands of the State institutions, which prescribe the terms upon which the different State schools, as well as private institutions, may obtain recognition. Texas is in line with the other States in this particular. It will be absolutely necessary for us to have proper schoolroom facilities, an increase in the number of standard reference books for the library, prescribed charts, globes, and other apparatus, together with a librarian and teachers who are either college graduates or who have first grade certificates, good in Texas. These requirements are indicated that you may know what must be done here to receive affiliation with the State schools.

Buildings.

An administration building is the great need now. I have worried with this lack of schoolrooms for almost ten years. In this time the school has increased in numbers so that it is a real problem to assemble the student body for chapel services and to have classroom accommodations for the different grades. This building must be had as soon as possible and ought to be erected the coming year. The chapel room will seat, comfortably, about half the number we have. The rest can very readily be imagined.

I have agitated the hosptial matter for several years. It is a need but secondary to the administration building. Of course the school work has been carried on for forty years without it. However, that does not argue that we do not need it. Granted that we get the new building, Faith Hall

can be made into music rooms on the first floor, and the second floor made into two dormitories for the small children, who are now in Emory Hall. Emory Hall can be made into a hospital by expending a few hundred dollars.

By carrying out the building plans, as mentioned above, we would have excellent facilities for taking good care of the children, as well as comfortable surroundings for the classes. The small amount I have picked up here and there could be used as might be considered best.

These suggestions are worthy of consideration, for here is an indication of procedure that will solve a problem of great importance to the work here.

The need of the hour is such a crying one that, it seems to me, the building ought to be started as soon as possible, even if the money should have to be borrowed. The end justifies the means.

Enrollment.

The net enrollment for the year 1922 is 347.

REPORT OF MISS URA LEVERIDGE, BIBLE TEACHER.

At the beginning of this report allow me to thank the women of the Council for the very great privilege that has been mine during the year. Succeeding one who was so well prepared for the work as was Miss Denton, I naturally felt a little reluctantcy about taking charge of the Bible work. As Dr. Skinner and the children have been very patient with me, I have tried to do the work as best I could and have found the year the most pleasant one I have ever spent.

I am trying to grade the Bible work as best I can. In doing this, I am following somewhat the same plan as that used by the Kansas City week-day schools of religion. I am using the graded Sunday school literature, in connection with "Graded Bible Stories," by Mutch. I teach Bible classes in the grades every day, in high school three times per week. Many of the children are very much interested in the Bible stories. Several were so much so that at Christmas time they asked for Bibles. I give quite a bit of memory work, and am planning to dramatize some of the stories. Besides the Bible, I teach three English classes and one algebra class each day.

Each Sunday I teach the older girls, and have charge of the Student Volunteers. I challenge anyone who doubts the efficacy of missions to come and see the earnestness of these boys and girls. I am truly thankful to the Council and to the Heavenly Father for the small part I've been able to have with these dear children.

Augusta, Ga.—Paine College.

MISS CARMEN BLESSING, DEAN OF WOMEN.

These few months spent at Paine College have been filled with interest and joy, for the work with these young colored people grows on me by leaps and bounds.

Paine Annex is caring for sixty-three girls this year. With the exception of the ten college girls, all of these are housed in Bennett Hall. I believe that the enrollment is somewhat smaller this year than last, owing to the fact that another grammar school grade has been cut off. However, we are glad to report an increase of six students in the college department for the year.

The girls were given thorough physical examinations by the school physician, Dr. G. N. Stoney, and we feel that this aids us materially in caring for their health. I have made a strenuous effort to arouse an interest among the girls in athletics, and have met with a fair degree of success. Basket ball and tennis have become quite popular. I should like to see all

the girls take systematic exercise, but, owing to the fact that we have no room large enough for gymnasium work and that rainy weather often prevents us from being outside, it is impossible to require this.

Our curriculum offers a new course to the college women this year—one in Home Economics. The course covers the first two years of college work and carries with it a regular normal diploma for teaching the subject. However, our present quarters in the Girls' Industrial Cottage are so limited that we feel that they must be enlarged in order that the work done may reach its highest degree of efficiency. We are trusting that the Council will aid us by remodeling this cottage, thereby enabling us to make this course one of the strongest in the college department.

We are fortunate in having a splendid matron this year, Miss Adella Caldwell, a former student of the institution. She has given me splendid coöperation. Her supervision of Bennett Hall, both of the girls and of the Hall itself, is excellent, and our visitors have said many complimentary things about its appearance.

Much of my time is spent in the classroom, and it is very enjoyably spent. I have classes in college English, Philosophy, and Sociology. I have also had the privilege of teaching a Bible class at the Y. W. C. A. for the colored girls.

MARY ELLA M'CALL, MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

At one time there seems to have been a well organized music department here, but for some reason it has gone down, so that at the beginning of this year it took a little while to get matters in good running order. Some of the pianos that were almost beyond hope were repaired. While we are somewhat handicapped for lack of proper equipment, we are trying to get the department back on its feet.

During the year twenty-five students have enrolled for piano lessons. This is three times the number for last year. These have kept my time pretty well filled. We are giving public school music to the three grammar school grades and the first two high school classes. These have been very interesting. This course develops the student in sight reading and ear training. We hope to give more time to this next year, as these classes now have only one hour each a week.

The school is unfortunate in not having a special teacher for voice. Several students applied for voice, and one of the faculty members consented to give them lessons. We are hoping and praying that we may have a full-time teacher next year.

Our chorus, which is quite an asset to the college, is composed of about thirty students. One has only to hear them sing "Listen to the Lambs" and other choruses to realize the wealth of such a group. One of the professors is a splendid director.

The work has been a joy. The response from the students has been good. Most of them are quite talented, and some have made good progress. We hope that we may soon have a music department that will rank well with other schools. We realize the importance of it and, apart from the real good it does each individual student, it is one of the most valuable departments of such a college as Paine.

Aside from my work at the college, I have had splendid opportunities for service in our own Churches, having had mission study and Sunday school classes and having made a number of talks to white and colored audiencies.

Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo.

DEACONESS MARY ORA DURHAM, STUDENT COUNSELOR.

It is a great privilege that is afforded me of coming in daily contact with the choice young women of our Church. Each year the task becomes more

interesting, and a greater blessing comes to me because of it. There are never any statistics to give, for the personal interviews, the discussion of practice service problems, and the fellowship together cannot be so reckoned.

I attended the Student Fellowship for Christian Life Service at the University of Illinois, the Missouri State Student Volunteer Conference, the annual Missionary Conference of Kentucky, and the Young People's Summer Conference at Kavanaugh Camp. Life Service and the opportunities for preparation at Scarritt were presented at all of these.

Norman, Okla.—Department of Bible, State University.

MARY DE BARDELEBEN, INSTRUCTOR.

It is with great joy that I make this report of the work in religious education in the University of Oklahoma. Its development has been most satisfying, because we feel that the foundations have been laid sure and the growth has been normal, steady, healthful.

Coming here unadvertized in the fall of 1921, the field new, pioneer work to be done, I was able to enroll in the university classes only a few students, less than ten all told. The second semester my work was taken over by the School of Education and the enrollment reached about thirty.

This past fall the department of religious education was organized under the School of Education with three denominations—the Christian, Episcopal, and Southern Methodist—coöperating. The enrollment the first semester reached fifty-four, forty-one of these enrolling in my classes. The students seem to prefer the foundation courses in the Old and New Testament, and these, by courtesy, have been given to me, as I was first on the field.

The second semester, beginning February 1, 1923, shows an enrollment of over one hundred and twenty-five in the department. Sixty of these are in my classes, the Life of Christ class again being the most popular, with over thirty enrolled, the class in Old Testament and in Story-Telling sharing equally in the remainder.

The work has been a joy. The university faculty has been cordial and gracious. The Dean of the School of Education has been persistent in his efforts to put the work on a firm basis and get it before the students.

In addition to the work done in the university classes, other avenues of service have been open. My Sunday school class of over forty university students has been a constant source of joy and inspiration as we have studied together the "Life of Paul." Opportunities have also been given to present the interracial work to both faculty and student groups.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

First Semester: Old Testament	17
New Testament	24
Total	41
Second Semester: New Testament	33
Old Testament	16
Story in Religious Education	11
Total	60
Sunday School	45
Total for year	146

There are eight students for the ministry and four volunteers for Life Service among those enrolled.

Denton Tex.—Department of Bible, College of Industrial Arts.

MISS M'QUEEN WEIR, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Continued increase of interest in Bible study is manifest in the College of Industrial Arts. The fall quarter opened with seventy-eight enrolled, and the winter term registers one hundred and eighteen, totaling one hundred and ninety-six in the college courses for the two terms. I am teaching seventeen hours in the college and on Sunday a Bible class of college students, enrolling forty-five and fifty in the two terms, giving a total of two hundred and ninety-one receiving systematic Bible instruction.

A cordial welcome, kindness, and appreciation have been extended me from president, faculty, and students. At the president's invitation I have addressed the faculty and student body, presenting the Bible courses of the department and giving two addresses on the Bible.

The students entering Bible courses are of the best type—purposeful and capable—many and varied have been their statements of help received from the Bible courses. For instance they write:

"This study has given me a deeper knowledge to help me in teaching my Sunday school class."

"A foundation for further Bible study and a desire to continue the study."

"The habit of daily Bible study."

"An appreciation of the Bible."

"An increased love for Jesus, and it is my determination to follow him more closely."

"It has strengthened my faith and trust in God."

"Things that were hazy have become distinct."

"Questions that have troubled me have been answered."

"I am better able to appreciate what Christ has done for me and the whole world."

"This course has meant more to me than anything else."

"Jesus seems to me now to be a living Jesus. I had never thought of him before in that aspect."

"I have learned how to study the Bible."

"It has helped me to get back nearer to Jesus Christ. For several years I had felt myself growing away from God, and I took this term of Bible in an effort to regain faith and nearness to God, and I am greatly helped."

I think we may pray expectantly for larger members to enter the Bible classes, so that hundreds and thousands of communities throughout the South may have Bible-trained college women as leaders and Sunday school teachers.

Denton Tex.—Smith-Carroll Hall.

MRS. F. B. CARROLL, MANAGER.

Smith-Carroll Hall has held its own. The ravages of time have shown its teeth in cracked walls and worn furniture, as shown in our financial report. All expenditures were needed and have in a measure strengthened the walls, redeemed the looks of decay, and made the building more presentable. Sixteen years make a house put on age. Nothing helps so much to keep up a good appearance as paint, general repairing, and some new furniture to take the place of that which will get old and shabby from hard usage.

Our year's work has gone well. We are fortunate in having as our copartner Miss Mattie Beth Morgan, who is in the College of Industrial Arts, Professor of Biology. She is one of our student volunteers and a young woman of rare personality, and it is good to have her in our home.

Our girls show earnestness of purpose and high ideals. Three of our ministers have intrusted their daughters with us. I cannot say too much in praise of these three girls. They are among the best, and leaders of all

that is for good. A helpful spirit pervades the home, and you will feel this in the atmosphere when a visitor.

Norman, Okla.—Agnes Moore Hall, State University.

MR. AND MRS. J. A. MERCER, MANAGERS.

Since we came here to take charge of our dormitory September 15, 1922, one hundred girls have lived in the Hall, forty-two being Methodist girls.

At the close of the first semester two girls went out to teach, two or three went home on account of illness in the family, and several pledged themselves to sororities.

Among our girls there are many who are girls of strong character and sincerity of purpose. There are a number who expect to be home and foreign missionaries. One of our girls was converted just a few days ago.

Our Sunday morning devotional service in the living room, conducted by the girls, is always a blessing to all.

Each week we make it a point to have as a guest in the Hall a religious leader whose influence among the girls is good and whose talks are helpful.

Every effort is being made to create a Christian atmosphere in the dormitory that it may be recognized as an institution of high ideals.

Thomasville, Ga.—Vashti Industrial School for Dependent Girls.

MISS. CHARLOTTE DYE, PRINCIPAL.

Upon reviewing the past year's work of this school, it is with pleasure that we are able to report continued progress along every line.

Our new building was completed about the first of July and is at present occupied by twenty-two students and three teachers. Girls from the following States occupy this building: Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Arkansas, Mississippi, West Virginia, Louisiana, and Texas. This is a very satisfactory building in almost every detail. Cement walks have been laid around it, flowers and shrubs planted.

A fine new swimming pool adds to the health and enjoyment of all.

The second, third, and half of the first floors of the Educational-Administrative Building have recently been refloored with the best quality of heart-rift pine flooring. After the floors were smoothed with the electric machine the girls gave them an additional smoothing with fine sandpaper and applied from two to four coats of dressing. The work done by them has aroused an unusual interest in the care of the floors.

Last summer the school was connected with the city of Thomasville water works system. This gives us an adequate water supply for all times and all purposes and greatly reduces our fire hazard.

The farm and garden yielded a goodly supply of vegetables, hay, corn, melons, six hundred bushels of sweet potatoes, and cane enough to make fourteen barrels of syrup.

From a flock of four hundred white Leghorn hens our tables have been abundantly supplied with fresh eggs.

A gift of seventy-five pecan trees by Mr. Walter Jones, of Cairo, rounds out our pecan grove to one hundred trees.

We planted one hundred and sixty-two dogwood trees and continue to plant flowers and shrubs every spring.

The general health of the entire student body has been fine. We had a few cases of la grippe, but nothing serious. One room in the new building has been used as a sick room.

In October Miss Emma Tucker was with us for ten days giving us a series of Bible readings. The spiritual uplift received at this time has been invaluable.

On account of the addition of the new building another teacher was added to the faculty, making eleven in all. More intensive school work has been exacted by the teachers and a better school spirit has existed throughout the year. Two new pianos have been added to the music department.

A troop of Girl Scouts has been organized and officered by Miss Ethel Spence and Mrs. Guy Milton, of Thomasville. Scout suits have been provided by the Thomasville Rotarians.

The thirty-two Scouts spent ten days in camp last July with other Scouts from Thomasville.

By the assistance of an old friend of the school, Mr. William Miller, all the other girls and four teachers were given a ten days' camping trip on the Ochlocknee River.

Since we had not our full quota of girls at the beginning of the school year, we have used money from our maintenance fund to purchase equipment for the new building and to pay for some improvements and repairs.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Council, to our Administrative Secretary, Mrs. J. H. McCoy, and to the many friends of the school for their generous and sympathetic support.

Deaconess Laura Harris reports:

My work, until July 11, was in the coal fields of West Virginia.

On January 8 I organized the Young People's and the Children's Missionary Societies at Newhall. Both started off with fine prospects.

The latter part of the month we began a meeting at Newhall which proved to be one of if not the greatest I was ever in. We had something over two hundred conversions and reclamations. About one hundred joined the Methodist Church.

Practically all of the men of influence in the camp were won for Christ, many of them nearing middle age. Follow-up work is always needed after a great meeting, and much of my time was thus spent until I left there for my vacation and new appointment.

I taught two Sunday school classes each Sunday, and assisted in all other Church services, and tried to do as much of the other necessary work as was in my power.

All in all, it was a blessed work, my work in the coal fields and meant much to *me* spiritually.

I reached Vashti Industrial School, my new appointment, the last day of August and was given charge of the new cottage.

My duties have been varied. Among other things I have had the care of all sick girls. All through the month of December we had numbers of them, as many as ten and eleven at a time. But on the whole the health of the school is excellent.

Deaconess Moselle Eubanks reports:

The first of September found me at Vashti, ready to begin a new year of work. I had been wondering during the summer vacation what kind of place Vashti was and what my work would be. I had never dreamed that it was such a beautiful place, and when I received such a friendly welcome from all the Vashti family, I felt that I was indeed blessed in being sent to this place. My work has been in the industrial department most of the year, supervising the laundry and the general oversight of all the house work in one of the buildings. About the middle of December one of the literary teachers had to resign because of illness, and I took her place until a new teacher came. At the present time I am teaching the fifth grade in the morning and having my industrial class in the afternoon. There is real pleasure in working here with these girls. There have been mistakes and discouragements, but through them all I have been conscious of my Heavenly Father's presence and of his grace that is sufficient for all our needs.

Deaconess Janie Wilkinson reports:

When I arrived at Vashti August 31, 1922, I could scarcely believe I was really at Vashti, for several reasons. It seemed that I could not realize that God was so good to me as to give me a definite place in his service and that I was really to begin the work of my first appointment under the Council. Then, too, everything here was so lovely. The grounds were beautiful and the buildings so well equipped, nice, and comfortable.

My work is teaching in the literary department of the grades. Until Christmas I taught the sixth and seventh grades. Since then I have had the sixth and eighth grades. A more careful classification having been made, the eighth grade is rather small, but my sixth grade has grown from about nineteen to twenty-nine, making it a very interesting class, and I enjoy teaching them.

Besides teaching I have the supervision of a dormitory of twenty-five girls, a Sunday school class, charge of the Junior League, and a few other duties that necessarily fall to anyone working in an institution.

It is a great joy to know the girls, to work with them, and to see them developing into real womanhood physically, mentally, and spiritually. I love them and I love the work.

Springfield, Mo.—Centenary Industrial Home for Dependent Girls.

MRS. W. J. MARR, SUPERINTENDENT.

I took charge of Centenary Home September 1, 1922. I found some confusion, and the girls were inclined to want their own way, due to several changes in superintendents during the summer, which seemed to be unavoidable. There has been a great change in the conduct of the girls since I took charge and quite an improvement in every other way. Most of the girls are members of St. Paul's Church and attend Church and Sunday school regularly.

We now have thirteen girls from ten to seventeen years of age.

Our girls attend a rural school at present, which is not what we would wish.

We hope to get them in the city schools next year. The city is building three junior high schools, which will relieve the crowded conditions of the ward schools.

Of course in the near future we hope to have our own teachers in our Home, but at present we need so many other things more than we do the school in the Home.

We are only a little over three years old and have received most of our financial support from our own community.

In the three years of our existence we have enrolled thirty-four girls and have had one death.

Some of the first girls to enter the Home are still with us.

Money received from all sources, $12,291.55.

BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS.

September 1, 1919, purchase price	$4,500 00
September 1, 1922, improvements	3,904 10
Amount paid	$8,404 10

We have been compelled to turn away girls that apply to us because of a lack of finances.

We could have twenty-five or thirty girls now if we could support them.

Two of our Council officers have visited us this past year, Mrs. J. W. Downs and Miss Esther Case.

The Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas Tex.

MRS. M. L. STONE, PRINCIPAL; MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, FINANCIAL AGENT; LULA MAY, LAUNDRY DEPARTMENT; NELLE DENTON, LITERARY TEACHER; MARY BURELSMITH, SEWING DEPARTMENT; RUBY REXTON, DOMESTIC SCIENCE DEPARTMENT; MISS ANNA LOWE, NURSE.

Mrs. Stone reports:

As the old year 1922, with all of its records of good and evil, slipped quietly into the inexorable past, the new year, 1923, was greeted most beautifully and appropriately by our girls marching through the corridors singing sweet songs of praise to Him who had brought us safely through another year and had crowned our days with joy and many, many blessings. The hearts of those who were awakened by the sweet singing echoed and reëchoed the praises, making our Home a house of praise at the midnight hour. And the new year begins with good resolutions and promises of being the best year of our lives. Teachers and pupils reconsecrated themselves with a sincere and noble purpose to do better and more faithful service during this year than the past, remembering the words of the Master: "Without me ye can do nothing."

During the last year we have come in touch with ninety-six immortal souls. Eternity alone can reveal what has been accomplished. In our Christian America we have girls who had never seen a Bible in their homes. Every one of our girls are professed Christians. One of the last ones to come in testified in Sunday school the first Sunday of the new year, saying: "I never knew anything about Christians or religion until I came into this Home, and now I want to be a Christian, and want all of you to pray for me and my folks."

Mrs. W. H. Johnson reports:

The year 1922 has passed into eternity! Our record is written; the books are closed, and we look to Jesus, the King of Glory, to hear the "Well done."

Paid to treasurer and reported in *The King's Messenger*, our invaluable publicity coworker:

January, 1922	$ 139 40
April	1,055 00
July	1,053 25
October	20 00
Total	$2,267 65

Grand total, $10,744.75, which does not include money, food, and raiment reported by our efficient President, Mrs. M. L. Stone.

When our sainted sister, Mrs. Clara Clayton Ross, entered into glory, May 4, 1922, she had willed to God's House of Mercy, the Virginia K. Johnson School, $3,000, and to our foreign missionary work, $10,000. Her influence goes on, for many others of God's elect ones have remembered generously our work in their wills! O, what happiness in glory to know our investments here will go on and on soul saving!

This Christlike work is our commission from Jesus. To battle against it we must educate and prepare soldiers for the conflict. First, we must erect a Bible school and dormitory for girls at our Southern Methodist University in Dallas, which will bring blessings untold. Second, one at our State University, at Austin. Third, one at State College of Arts, Denton. Educated workers is now the crying need of Church and State. We must double our efforts to meet these needs in home and foreign fields. The battle is raging, and the victory depends on *us*. Our justly paid tithes will win for all the crown of righteousness with peace on earth and good will to all.

Miss May reports:

The girls go to the laundry by sections, having two hours each day in that department. Monday the girls wash for themselves and the hospital. Tuesday, they iron. Wednesday is teachers' day and hospital. Thursday they iron teachers' clothes, and Friday they wash and iron hospital clothes. Table linens are sent to the laundry every Tuesday and teachers' linens every two weeks.

Miss Lowe reports:

Dr. Hopkins made 50 calls; Dr. Greer, 1; Dr. Massey, 2; Dr. Sypert, 4; Dr. Kaye, 20. Dr. Boren removed tonsils from 6 girls and made 3 calls. Dr. Wilkinson made 4 calls. Sick girls, 103.

All the babies had impetigo in June, July, August, and part of September—and were sick.

Births, 33; deaths, 1 girl and 5 babies died at birth; adoptions, 21.

Five girls came in with babies and 15 girls went out with their babies.

Miss Denton reports:

No. enrolled from January 1, 1922, to December 31, 1922	96
Average monthly enrollment	53
Average monthly attendance	46
No. enrolled in low sixth grade	18
No. enrolled in high fifth grade	18
No. enrolled in low fifth grade	14
No. enrolled in low second grade	3

We teach the girls in three sections of two hours each, using the books used in the same grades of the public schools of Dallas and given us by the Board of Education.

I teach 6 hours each day five days of the week.

Miss Burelsmith reports:

Enrolled	96
Average daily attendance	42
Garments made	1,584
Fancy work	300
Uniforms made	264
Hours in department each day	6
Expenses: Six boxes thread	$3 60
Machine needles	2 00

NOTE.—Beside work already reported, the Methodist Bazar made 26 garments and dressed 12 dolls. The Methodist Orphanage, Waco, girls gave and made 20 aprons.

Miss Ruxton reports:

The work done in the Domestic Science Department is very practical, as the girls prepare the meals for the whole school. It is very interesting, and the girls are doing good work.

I have had seventy-two girls in training since the first of the year, 1922. That means some have stayed on until they can prepare all three meals. Our custom is giving each girl a chance and keeping her in the same place for one month.

I have an assistant and keep her three months. These girls are given more responsibility than the others, and I try to fit them for real service.

There is such a field here for Christian service, and I'm praying daily that our girls will learn how to live useful lives and make the world better after having two years of Christian training here.

I want to provide not only physical food, but spiritual food and help to mold Christian character.

Macon, Ga.—Door of Hope for Delinquent Girls.

MRS. F. M. KNOWLES, MATRON; MRS. R. W. FREEMAN, SUPERINTENDENT.

Another year has passed, and while it has brought its trials as well as its joys, God has watched over us, brought good out of evil, and blessed the labors of our hands.

We have found many unfortunate girls out of touch with God seeking refuge in our home. Nineteen have knocked, found entrance, and been cared for during the year 1922. It was with deep regret that some were turned away because of lack of room. Seventeen babies have been born; one stillborn, and one came at a premature stage. Seventeen mothers have been dismissed. Twelve of these have returned home with their babies. One baby has been placed in an orphanage, one in a private home, and one given to the care of its father.

More than ever we have tried to make the fathers of these children feel the responsibility that should be theirs, and, when possible, bear the expenses of mother and child while here. In six cases the father is either bearing all or part of the financial obligation required while the mother and child are in our keeping. I am very glad to report one home established. The marriage vows were taken here, making an illegitimate father a legitimate father, and an unhappy, troubled girl a happy, contented wife and mother.

More time and thought has been given to recreation for the girls than in the past. The piano, which is a loan from the local City Mission Board, has given much pleasure to our girls. We have been very fortunate in having this home a field for social service work for the Wesleyan College girls. Every Wednesday two college girls have given entertainments in music, songs, readings, and games. These hours of enjoyment and fun have been worth much to these who are youthful in years and spirit. Other diversions have come in the form of circle meetings of missionary societies, automobile rides, visits to parks, and celebration of special days. These have been appreciated and enjoyed.

Our missionary auxiliaries and conferences have wonderfully ministered to our needs in a material way. The boxes of clothing, pantry supplies, and medical supplies have enabled us to go forward.

Our great aim, however, has been to go forward in a spiritual way. Each day the Great Physician has been presented to these who need healing feeling that he alone could heal the soul scarred by sin. I am trusting that each one under my care may be very conscious that "God shall supply every need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

HOME WORKERS OF THE COUNCIL.

DEACONESSES.

Year Consecrated.	Name.	Field Address.	Home Address.
1909.	Allen, Miss Bessie, Dallas, Tex.		Hendersonville, N. C.
1922.	Allen, Miss Pattie, Brevard, N. C		Knoxville, Tenn.
1919.	Alford, Miss Annie (leave of absence)		Magnolia, Miss.
1922.	Bame, Miss Fannie, Charlotte, N. C.		Salisbury, N. C.
1917.	Berglund, Miss Josephine, Los Angeles, Cal		Springfield, Mo.
1912.	Black, Miss Lillie, Waco, Tex.		Blossom, Tex.
1906.	Blackwell, Miss Florence, Kansas City, Mo		Kirksville, Mo.
1909.	Borchers, Miss Cora, Tampa, Fla		Birmingham, Ala.
1918.	Breeden, Miss Bertie, Richmond, Va.		Roanoke, Va.
1910.	Breeden, Miss Rosa (leave of absence)		Remington, Va.
1922.	Brewer, Miss Grace, Hartshorne, Okla		Nashville, Tenn.
1916.	Bryan, Mrs. Selden (leave of absence)		Kingstree, S. C.
1909.	Burton, Miss Emma, London, Ky		Kansas City, Mo.
1923.	Campbell, Miss Lila May, Kansas City, Mo		Memphis, Tenn.
1922.	Cantrell, Miss Rachel, Knoxville, Tenn		Knoxville, Tenn.
1920.	Cannon, Miss Elah, Louisville, Ky		Hemingway, S. C.
1912.	Cloud, Miss Ellen, Los Angeles, Cal		Pembroke, Ky.
1922.	Congleton, Miss Jennie, Orangeburg, S. C		Greenville, N. C.
1913.	Cooper, Miss Hazel, Nashville, Tenn		Linden, Ala.
1922.	Cox, Miss Bertha, Nashville, Tenn		Sedalia, Mo.
1911.	Cox, Miss Elizabeth (leave of absence)		Farmer's Branch, Tex.
1912.	Cunningham, Miss Mattie (leave of absence)		Columbia, Mo.
1910.	Daniel, Miss Mary, Houston, Tex		Jackson, La.
1903.	Davis, Miss Elizabeth (retired)		Arcola, N. C.
1920.	Dodd, Miss Dorothy, Kansas City, Mo		Hartsville, Tenn.
1909.	Dragoo, Miss Rhoda, Thurber, Tex		Palmetto, Fla.
1915.	Dreyer, Miss Josephine (leave of absence)		St. Louis, Mo.
1909.	Ducker, Miss Jennie, Bristol, Va		Hopkinsville, Ky.
1910.	Durham, Miss Mary Ora, Kansas City, Mo. (Scarritt)		Danville Ky.
1908.	Duncan, Miss Daisy, Roanoke, Va		Chattanooga, Tenn.
1922.	Duncan, Miss Willia, St. Louis, Mo		Owensboro, Ky.
1922.	Eaton, Miss Bess, West Virginia Coal Fields		Staffordsville, Va.
1904.	Elliott, Miss Maria, Lexington, Ky		Dallas, Tex.
1914.	Ellison, Miss Berta, New Orleans, La		Franklinville, N. C.
1922.	Eubanks, Miss Moselle, Thomasville, Ga. (Vashti)		Rome, Ga.
1911.	Fagan, Miss Connie, Memphis, Tenn		Americus, Ga.
1915.	Fail, Miss Maude (leave of absence)		Hattiesburg, Miss.
1922.	Freeman, Mrs. Mary Etta, Macon, Ga		Carlton, Ga.
1910.	Gainey, Miss Ellen (leave of absence)		Fayetteville, N. C.
1915.	Gatewood, Miss Grace, Houston, Tex		Myra, Tex.
1908.	Gibson, Miss Helen, Chattanooga, Tenn		Davenport, Iowa.
1912.	Graham, Miss Aletha, Portsmouth, Va		Shellmound, Tenn.
1923.	Greely, Miss Addie, Jackson, Miss		Jackson, Miss.
1911.	Grizzard, Miss Gertrude, Orangeburg, S. C		Nashville, Tenn.
1910.	Harris, Miss Laura, Thomasville, Ga. (Vashti)		Chattanooga, Tenn.
1914.	Hasler, Miss Mary, Dallas, Tex		St. Louis, Mo.
1909.	Henry, Miss Willena, Blytheville, Ark		Rice, Tex.
1922.	Hill, Miss Juanita (leave of absence)		Campbellsburg, Ky.
1920.	Hoke, Miss Gaye, St. Louis, Mo		Second Creek, W. Va.
1919.	Hooper, Miss Ella K., Houma, La		Houma La.
1914.	Hoover, Miss Dora, Mobile, Ala		Mobile, Ala.
1921.	Howard, Miss Frances, Altanta, Ga		Blytheville, Ark.
1907.	Jackson, Miss Ethel, San Francisco, Cal		Lancaster, S. C.
1922.	Kennedy, Miss Cleta (leave of absence)		Galveston, Tex.
1905.	Kennedy, Miss Mabel, St. Louis, Mo		St. Louis Mo.
1915.	Kimbro, Miss Mary, San Francisco, Cal		Cleburne, Tex.
1920.	Lee, Miss Mary, Richmond, Va		Clarksville, Tenn.
1915.	Lowder, Miss Sarah, Augusta, Ga		Elizabeth City, N. C.
1906.	Mann, Miss Frances, Fort Worth, Tex		Winters, Tex.
1922.	McCall, Miss Mary Ella, Augusta, Ga. (Paine College)		Fairfield, N. C.
1915.	Miller, Miss Frank, West Virginia Coal Fields		Lake Toxaway, N. C.
1906.	Monohan, Miss Selina (retired) St. Louis, Mo		St. Louis Mo.
1922.	Moore, Miss Glenn, Los Angeles, Cal		Little Rock, Ark.
1922.	Nichols, Miss Mary, Atlanta, Ga		Roxboro, N. C.
1918.	Olmstead, Miss Emily, Nashville, Tenn., Board of Missions, Woman's Work, Literature Department		Louisville, Ky.
1909.	Palmore, Miss Constance, Meridian, Miss		Lynchburg, Va.
1914.	Parker, Miss Lillian (leave of absence)		Lindale, Tex.
1908.	Peeples, Miss Adeline, Richmond, Va		St. Louis, Mo.
1923.	Price, Miss Annie, St. Joseph, Mo		Bee House, Tex.
1908.	Ragland, Miss Margaret, Shreveport, La		San Angelo, Tex.
1921.	Reed, Miss Bithiah, Houston, Tex		Chattanooga, Tenn.
1913.	Richardson, Miss Falla, Birmingham, Ala		Corinth, Miss.
1922.	Riggin, Miss Rosalie, Louisville, Ky		Arkadelphia, Ark.

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1915.	Ritter, Miss Daisy, Kansas City, Mo.	Columbia, S. C.
1923.	Robinson, Miss Mamie, Dallas, Tex	Killeen, Tex.
1922.	Sells, Miss Mae, Kansas City, Mo	Wiggins, Miss.
1019.	Sheider, Miss Alice (retired)	St. George, S. C.
1909.	Smith, Miss Eugenia, San Antonio, Tex	Union, S. C.
1907.	Stevens, Miss Ida M., New Orleans, La	Nova Scotia.
1904.	Taylor, Miss Elizabeth, Chattanooga, Tenn	Lamar, Mo.
1910.	Thomas, Miss Berta, Biloxi, Miss	Cataula, Ga.
1912.	Tinsley, Miss Lois, West Virginia Coal Fields,	Leslie, Ga.
1906.	Trawick, Miss Annie, Oklahoma City, Okla	Opelika, Ala.
1919.	Vogel, Miss Emma (leave of absence)	Linn, Mo.
1911.	Waddell, Miss Eva, Knoxville, Tenn	Knoxville, Tenn.
1911.	Wahlroos, Miss Wilhelmina, Baltimore, Md	Louisville, Ky.
1914.	Walker, Miss Kate, West Virginia Coal Fields	Comanche, Tex.
1923.	Webb, Miss Minnie, San Antonio, Tex	Prairie Grove, Ark.
1916.	Wike, Miss Mattie, Key West, Fla	St. Louis, Mo.
1922.	Wilkinson, Miss Janie, Thomasville, Ga. (Vashti)	Union Level, Va.
1911.	Womack, Miss Mollie, West Virginia Coal Fields,	Nacona, Tex.
1903.	Wright, Miss Mattie (retired)	Santa Ana, Cal.
1912.	Wynn, Miss Nelle, Nashville, Tenn	Egan, Tex.
1923.	Young, Miss Margaret, New Orleans, La	Luray, Va.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

1910.	Acton, Mrs. Julia, Pacific Coast,	Berkeley, Cal.
1922.	Alexander, Miss Mabel, Biloxi, Miss	Birmingham, Ala.
1909.	Alexander, Mrs. Mary B. (retired)	Tampa, Fla.
1921.	Arnold, Miss Katherine, West Tampa, Fla	Louisville, Ky.
1923.	Bell, Miss Muriel, Laredo, Tex. (Holding Institute)	Temple, Tex.
1923.	Blessing, Miss Carmen, Augusta, Ga. (Paine College)	Berkeley, Cal.
1917.	Bond, Mrs. Carrie, Tampa, Fla	
1911.	Bowden, Miss Ella, Somerset Ky	Brownwood, Tex.
1917.	Brand, Miss Bessie, Rural Work, North Mississippi Conference	Staunton, Va.
1917.	Bunn, Miss Bessie, Fort Worth, Tex	Little Rock, Ark.
1915.	Coburn, Miss Mae, Nashville, Tenn	Birmingham, Ala.
1917.	Cole, Miss Sue, Danville, Va	Glenn Cove, Tex.
1922.	Cowley, Miss Emily, Phoenix, Ariz	Oklahoma City, Okla.
1907.	Crim, Miss Dorothy, Birmingham, Ala. (Ensley)	Atlanta, Ga.
1913.	Cunningham, Miss Ethel, Birmingham, Ala	Columbia, Mo.
1922.	Davis, Miss Minnie, Los Angeles, Cal	Houston, Tex.
1909.	Denton, Miss Frances (leave of absence)	Fort Smith, Ark.
1917.	Driver, Mrs. Grace, Memphis, Tenn	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
1917.	Eidson, Miss Minnie Lee, Helena District, Ark	Jonesboro, Ark.
1920.	Fields, Mrs. J. C. Macon, Ga	Americus, Ga.
1910.	Ford, Miss Sue T. (retired)	Paris, Ky.
1915.	Gardner, Miss Helen, Cahslottesville, Va	St. Louis, Mo.
1923.	Gilbert, Miss Ola, Thomasville, Ga. (Vashti)	Marianna, Fla.
1922.	Gill, Miss Jessie Drew, Birmingham, Ala	Tuskegee, Ala.
1923.	Hatcher, Miss Lois, Williamsburg, Va	Baxley, Ga.
1923.	Hendricks, Miss Lillie, Brevard, N. C. (Brevard Institute)	Oneonta, Ala.
1923.	Hennen, Miss Belle, Greeneville, Tenn	Fairmount, W. Va.
1923.	Howard, Miss Nellie, Louisville, Ky	Louisville, Ky.
1912.	Hughes, Miss Elizabeth (retired)	Daleville, Miss.
1922.	Leighty, Miss Edith, Columbia, S. C	St. Joseph, Mo.
1922.	Leveridge, Miss Ura, Laredo, Tex. (Holding Institute)	Cisco, Tex.
1923.	Lewis, Miss Annie, Nashville, Tenn	Lexington, Ky.
1920.	Lewis, Miss Martha, Tampa, Fla	Tampa, Fla.
1913.	McClain, Miss Nelle, Houston, Tex	Martin, Tenn.
1923.	McLarty, Miss Alice, Dallas, Tex	Vernon, Tex.
1923.	Miller, Miss Olivia, Greeneville, Tenn	Rocky Point, N. C.
1911.	Mitchell, Miss Susie, Wilburton, Okla	Livingston, Ala.
1922.	Moore, Miss Ida J., Montgomery, Ala	Valley Head, Ala.
1909.	Nutt, Miss Martha, Nashville, Tenn	Granbury, Tex.
1923.	Phillips, Miss Eva Joe, Picher, Okla	Houston, Tex.
1922.	Porter, Miss Carrie, Tampa, Fla	Zwolle, La.
1923.	Ragan, Miss Mildred, London, Ky. (Sue Bennett)	Worthville, Ky.
1923.	Rogers Miss Annie, New Orleans, La	Spartanburg, S. C.
1921.	Rowland, Miss Grace, San Francisco, Cal	Carrollton, Ky.
1922.	Sanders, Miss Oscie, Student Secretary to State Schools	Houston, Tex.
1922.	Shearouse, Miss Carobel, Baltimore, Md	Savannah, Ga.
1923.	Sitton, Mrs. Lena, Jackson, Miss	Talledega, Ala.
	Souby, Mrs. E. L., (leave of absence)	Nashville, Tenn.
1920.	Stackhouse, Miss Agnes, Spartanburg, S. C	Columbia, S. C.
1919.	Stroup, Miss Nettie, St. Louis, Mo	Farmersville, Tex.
1921.	Wagoner, Miss Estelle, West Virginia Coal Fields	
1923.	Wells, Miss Ethel, Nashville, Tenn	Lockney, Tex.
1918.	White, Mrs. Laura, Houma, La	Rome, Ga.
1915.	Whiteside, Miss Florence, El Dorado, Ark	Pine Bluff, Ark.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES OF THE COUNCIL.

CHINA.

Year.	Name.	Home Address.*
1878.	Miss Lochie Rankin	Milan, Tenn.
1884.	Miss Virginia Atkinson	Atlanta, Ga.
1892.	Miss Alice G. Waters	Murray, Ky.
1892.	Mrs. J. A. Gaither	Atlanta, Ga.
1892.	Miss Martha E. Pyle	Kansas City, Mo.
1892.	Miss Mildred B. Bomar	Richmond, Va.
1894.	Miss Clara E. Steger	Mountain Grove, Mo.
1896.	Miss Ella D. Leveritt	Monroe, Ga.
1899.	Miss Mary M. Tarrant	Galveston, Tex.
1901.	Miss Ida Anderson	Jackson, Miss.
1901.	Miss Mary Culler White	Nashville, Tenn.
1904.	Miss Maggie J. Rogers	Marlin, Tex.
1905.	Miss Elizabeth Claiborne	Jackson, Tenn.
1906.	Miss Nettie Peacock	Macon, Ga.
1906.	Miss Mary Lou White	Norfolk, Va.
1906.	Miss Emma Lester	Augusta, Ga.
1907.	Miss Nelle D. Drake	Port Gibson, Miss.
1908	Miss Julia Wasson	Ethel, Miss.
1909.	Miss Mary Hood, R.N.	Brownsville, Tenn.
1909.	Miss Clara Park	Sylvania, Ga.
1909.	Miss Lelia Tuttle	Lenoir, N. C.
1911.	Miss Mattie Shelton	Stamford, Tex.
1911.	Miss Annie Bradshaw	Lynch Station, Va.
1911.	Miss Bessie B. Combs	St. Joseph, Mo.
1912.	Miss Alice Green	Graham, N. C.
1921.	Miss Nina W. Troy	Greensboro, N. C.
1912.	Miss Frances Burkhead	Lexington, N. C.
1913.	Miss Lela Bliler	Kansas City, Mo.
1913.	Miss Hattie F. Love, M.D	Sweetwater, Tenn.
1913.	Miss Laura V. Mitchell	Arcadia, Fla.
1913.	Miss May Hixson	Des Moines, Iowa
1914.	Miss Muriel Smith (contract)	England
1914.	Miss Louise Robinson	New Decatur, Ala.
1914.	Miss Sue Stanford	Waco, Tex.
1914.	Miss Nina Stallings	Mexico, Mo.
1915.	Miss Kate Hackney	Asheville, N. C.
1915.	Miss Ruth Brittain	Guntersville, Ala.
1916.	Miss Mary Blackford	St. Louis, Mo.
1917.	Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon	Maxton, N. C.
1917.	Dr. Louise Ingersoll, M.D. (contract)	Asheville, N. C.
1917.	Miss Marie Raffo	Tampa, Fla.
1918.	Miss Alma Pitts, R.N	Lahoma, Okla.
1919.	Miss Alice Alsop	Coleman, Tex.
1919.	Miss Alma McLain (contract)	Columbia, Mo.
1919.	Miss Marguerite Clarke	Sunny Side, Va.
1920.	Miss Sarah Brinkley	Jewell, Ga.
1920.	Miss Floss McKnight	Chaffee, Mo.
1921.	Miss Ella M. Hanawalt	Galva, Ill.
1921.	Miss Louise Lillian Knobles	State Line, Miss.
1921.	Miss Jessie Bloodworth	Hartshorne, Okla.
1921.	Miss Mary Dill Overall	Dyer, Tenn.
1922.	Miss Lucy Jim Webb	Forsyth, Ga.
1922.	Miss Susan Willard Brown, M.D.	Columbia, Mo.
1922	Miss Margaret Rue	Norfolk, Va.
1922	Miss Lois Cooper (contract)	Brookhaven, Miss.
1923	Miss Cornelia Crozier	Fayetteville, Ark.
1923	Miss Alma Brandt, R.N	Appleton, Wis.
1923	Miss Mary Belle Winn	Ridgeway, S.C.

KOREA.

1905.	Miss Cordelia Erwin	Dexter, Ky.
1906.	Miss Mamie D. Myers	Waycross, Ga.
1906.	Miss Lillian E. Nichols	Savannah, Ga.
1908.	Miss Kate Cooper	Douglasville, Ga.
1909.	Miss Hallie Buie	Wesson, Miss.
1909.	Miss Laura V. Edwards	Hereford, Tex.
1910.	Miss Bertha A. Smith	Marshall, Mo.
1911.	Miss Carrie U. Jackson	Arlington, Ky.
1911.	Miss Ida Hankins	Wilmington, N. C.
1911.	Miss Bertha Tucker	Crawfordsville, Ky.
1911.	Miss Hortense Tinsley	Americus, Ga.

*See "Appointments of Missionaries" for foreign addresses.

Year.	Name.	Home Address.
1912	Miss Bessie Oliver	Unadilla, Ga.
1913.	Miss Agnes E. Graham	Comanche, Tex.
1916.	Miss Rosa M. Lowder, R.N	Swansboro, N. C.
1918.	Miss Pauline Glass Randle	New Orleans, La.
1919.	Miss Carrie T. Turner, R.N	Bremond, Tex.
1921.	Miss Mary Vic Mauk	Troy, Ala.
1921.	Miss Annie Justice Hanson	Clifton, Tex
1921.	Miss Alice E. Furry, R.N	Van Buren, Ark.
1921.	Miss Mabel Cocke (contract)	Manassas, Va
1921.	Miss Linda Bray, R.N. (contract)	Richmond, Va.
1921.	Mrs. Velma Maynor	Oneonta, Ala.
1922.	Miss Ruby Kathleen Lee	Statesboro, Ga.
1922.	Miss Alice McMakin (contract)	Wellford. S. C.
1923.	Miss Clara Howard	Kathleen, Ga.
1923.	Miss Blanche Hauser, R.N	Pfafftown, N. C.
1923.	Miss Margaret Preston Light	Romney, W. Va.

JAPAN.

1896.	Miss Ida M. Worth	Tallula, Ill.
1903.	Miss Margaret M. Cook	North Georgia
1910.	Miss Annie Belle Williams	Charleston, S. C.
1913.	Miss Ethel Newcomb	St. Louis, Mo.
1915.	Miss Annette Gist	McIntosh, Fla.
1915.	Miss Charlie Holland	Moscow, Fla.
1917.	Miss Mabel Whitehead	Birmingham Ala.
1919.	Miss Blanche D. Hager	Kobe, Japan
1920.	Miss Ruby Van Hooser	Titusville, Fla.
1920.	Miss Mary Searcy	Columbia, Mo.
1920.	Miss Jean Callahan	Japan
1922.	Miss Myra Pauline Anderson	Anderson, S. C.
1923.	Miss M. Elston Rowland	Washington, D. C.
1923.	Miss Anne Peavy	Byron, Ga.
1923.	Miss Mozelle Tumlin	Marietta, Ga.

MANCHURIA-SIBERIA.

1923.	Miss Constance Rumbough	Lynchburg, Va.
1923.	Miss Lillian Wahl	Paris, Ark.

BRAZIL.

1895.	Miss Eliza Perkinson	Paola, Kans.
1896.	Miss Lily A. Stradley	Lewisburg, Ohio
1901.	Miss Helen Johnston	Sebastian, Fla.
1903.	Miss Emma Christine	Kenwood Springs, Mo.
1907.	Miss Eunice F. Andrew	St. Louis, Mo.
1911.	Miss Rachel Jarrett	Redwater, Tex.
1911.	Miss Leila F. Epps	Kingstree, S. C.
1911.	Miss Lydia Ferguson	Belton, Tex.
1911.	Miss Sophia Schalch	Brazil
1912.	Miss Eva Louise Hyde	Fulton, Mo.
1913.	Miss Mary Jane Baxter	Huntsville, Ala.
1914.	Miss Elma Morgan	Stephens, Ark.
1914.	Miss Gertrude Kennedy	Kenbridge, Va.
1915.	Miss Maud Mathis	Arp, Tex.
1915.	Miss Mary Sue Brown	Gatesville, Tex.
1916.	Miss Lela M. Putnam	Albany, Tex.
1916.	Miss Nancy R. Holt	Norfolk, Va.
1917.	Miss Sarah Van Dyke Stout	Clarksvillle Tenn.
1918.	Miss Mary Alice Lamar	Houston, Tex.
1918.	Miss Pearl O. Hicks	Shawnee, Okla.
1921.	Miss Louise Best	Saluda, S. C.
1921.	Miss Viola Matthews	Charley Hope, Va.
1921.	Miss Lucy Belle Morgan	Georgetown, Tex.
1922.	Miss Jessie Moore	Batesville, Ark.
1922.	Miss Cavie Clark	Mize, Miss.
1922.	Miss Rosalie Bronn	Atlanta, Ga.
1922.	Miss Jean Porter (contract)	Brazil
1922.	Miss Helen Hardy	Benns Church, Va.
1922.	Miss Rebecca Caudill (contract)	Fountain Head, Tenn.
1923.	Miss Mabel Jetton	Washington, D. C.

MEXICO.

1887.	Miss Lelia Roberts	Bonham, Tex.
1889.	Miss Ellie B. Tydings	Ocala, Fla.
1896.	Miss Edith Park	Amarillo, Tex.

Year.	Name.	Home Address.
1898.	Miss Laura V. Wright	Baltimore, Md.
1901.	Miss Norwood E. Wynn	Dallas, Tex.
1908.	Miss Mary E. Massey	Iuka, Miss.
1909.	Miss Sarah Warne	Santa Ana, Cal.
1911.	Miss Virginia E. Booth	Austin, Tex.
1912.	Miss Lillie F. Fox	Odessa, Mo.
1913.	Miss Ethel McCaughan	Corpus Christi, Tex.
1919.	Miss Dora L. Ingrum	Centralia, Mo.
1919.	Miss Hope Jack (contract)	Canada
1919.	Miss Annie M. Craig	Austin, Tex.
1921.	Miss Emma Eldridge	Wichita, Kans.
1921.	Miss Myrtle Pollard	Batesville, Miss.
1921.	Miss Myrtle James	Devine, Tex.
1922.	Miss Dora O'Lula Hanna	Sapulpa, Okla.
1922.	Miss Lorraine Buck	Bessemer, Ala.
1922.	Miss Naomi Chapman, R.N	New Orleans, La.
1922.	Miss Cornelia Godbey	Morrisville, Mo.
1923.	Miss Ruth Byerly	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
1923.	Anne Deavours	Paulding, Miss.
1923.	Miss Edna Pothoff, R.N	Houston, Tex.
1923.	Miss Eva Massey	White Post, Va.

CUBA.

1881.	Miss Rebecca Toland	Beeville, Tex.
1897.	Miss Annie Churchill	Burnet, Tex.
1899.	Miss Frances V. Moling	Kansas City, Mo.
1902.	Miss M. Belle Markey	Cleveland, Tenn.
1908.	Miss Laura Lee (contract)	Nashville, Tenn.
1916.	Miss Lucile Vail (contract)	Cartersville, Ga.
1921.	Miss Ione Clay	Dublin, Tex.
1921.	Miss Clara Chalmers	New Orleans, La.
1922.	Miss Junia Jones	Montgomery, Ala.

AFRICA.

1917.	Miss Kathron Wilson	Dodge City, Tex.
1920.	Miss Flora Foreman	Stratford, Tex.
1921.	Miss Willie G. Hall	Walnut Grove, Miss.
1922.	Miss Christine Allen	Crowell, Tex.
1922.	Miss Fannie B. Warren	Tulsa, Okla.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES SENT OUT BY THE COUNCIL, BUT NOT NOW ACTIVE IN THE SERVICE.

Appointed.	Name and Former Residence.	Conference.
1879.	Miss Dora Rankin,* Milan, Tenn	Memphis
1881.	Miss Annie Williams,† Chapel Hill, Tex	Texas
1881.	Miss Mattie Watts,* Louisville, Ky	Louisville
1882.	Miss Anna J. Muse,† Atlanta, Ga	North Georgia
1882.	Miss Blanche Gilbert, Roanoke, Va	Baltimore
1882.	Mrs. Sara Burford, Georgetown, Tex	Northwest Texas
1883.	Miss Nannie E. Holding,‡ Latonia, Ky	Kentucky
1883.	Miss Mattie B. Jones, Norcross, Ga	North Georgia
1883.	Miss Jennie C. Wolff, Pensacola, Fla	Alabama
1884.	Miss Laura A. Haygood,* Atlanta, Ga	North Georgia
1884.	Miss Dona Hamilton,* Paris, Tex	North Texas
1884.	Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.† California, Mo	Southwest Missouri
1884.	Miss Lou E. Phillips, California, Mo	Southwest Missouri
1884.	Miss Mary W. Bruce,† Plattsburg, Mo	Missouri
1887.	Mrs. Josephine Campbell,* New York City	Los Angeles
1887.	Miss Emma E. Kerr,† Brownsville, Tenn	Memphis
1887.	Miss Kate R. Roberts,* Nashville, Tenn	Tennessee
1887.	Miss Addie F. Gordon,* Port Gibson, Miss	North Mississippi
1887.	Miss Elizabeth Hughes,† Meridian, Miss	Mississippi
1887.	Miss Lula H. Lipscomb,* Columbus, Miss	North Mississippi
1887.	Miss Ada Reagan,† Nashville, Tenn	Tennessee
1887.	Miss Marcia Marvin,* St. Louis, Mo	St. Louis
1888.	Miss Augusta V. Wilson,* Charleston, W. Va	Baltimore
1888.	Miss Mary McClellan,† Brookhaven, Miss	Mississippi
1888.	Miss Ella Granberry,‡ St. Louis, Mo	St. Louis
1889.	Mrs. A. E. McClendon, West Point, Ga	North Georgia
1889.	Miss A. Clara Chrisman,* Beauregard, Miss	Mississippi
1889.	Miss Ella Yarrell,* Emporia, Va	Virginia
1889.	Miss Lida Howell,* Duluth, Ga	North Georgia

*Deceased. †Married. ‡Retired.

Appointed.	Name and Former Residence.	Conference.
1889.	Miss Flora Baker,* West Point, Ga	North Georgia
1889.	Miss Lula Ross, Greensboro, Ala	Alabama
1889.	Miss Sallie M. Phillips, Homer La	Louisiana
1889.	Miss Lizzie Wilson,* Newport, Ky	Kentucky
1890.	Miss Mattie Dorsey,† Charleston, W. Va	Baltimore
1890.	Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, Princeton, Ky	Louisville
1890.	Miss May Littleton Smithey,* Jetersville, Va	Virginia
1890.	Miss Mary Turner,† Sharpsburg, Ky	Kentucky
1890.	Miss Kate P. Fannin,† Blountsville, Fla	Florida
1890.	Miss Helen Lee Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo	St. Louis
1890.	Miss Lucy Harper,‡ Georgetown, Tex	Central Texas
1891.	Miss Mollie F. Brown, Austin, Tex	West Texas
1891.	Miss Kate C. McFarren,* Durango, Mexico	New Jersey
1892.	Miss Delia Holding,‡ Latonia, Ky	Kentucky
1892.	Miss Sue P. Blake,† Miccosukee, Fla	Florida
1892.	Miss Emma Gary,† Elberton, Ga	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Sallie B. Reynolds,† Columbia, S. C	South Carolina
1892.	Miss Alice Moore, Oxford, Ga	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Susan Littlejohn,† Pacolet, S. C	South Carolina
1892.	Miss Bessie Moore,† Savannah, Tenn	Tennessee
1892.	Miss Amelia Elerding, Chicago, Ill	
1892.	Miss Annie Walter, M.D.† Holly Springs, Miss	North Mississippi
1894.	Miss Ella Coffey,† Long Mountain, Va	Virginia
1894.	Miss Esther Case, Batesville, Ark	North Arkansas
1894.	Miss Layona Glenn,‡ Conyers, Ga	North Georgia
1895.	Miss Willie Bowman,† St. Louis, Mo	Missouri
1895.	Miss May Umberger,‡ Wytheville, Va	Holston
1895.	Miss Viola Blackburn, Holly Springs, Miss	North Mississippi
1895.	Miss Hattie G. Carson,‡ Savannah, Ga	South Georgia
1896.	Miss Lizzie Martin,† Chapel Hill, N. C	North Carolina
1896.	Miss Johnnie Sanders,† Union, S. C	South Carolina
1896.	Miss Margaret Polk, M.D., Perryville, Ky	Kentucky
1896.	Miss Ida Shaffer, Carrollton, Mo	Missouri
1897.	Miss Susie E. Williams,† San Francisco, Cal	Los Angeles
1897.	Miss Mary L. Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo	St. Louis
1897.	Miss Leonora D. Smith,† Eclectic, Ala	Alabama
1898.	Miss Fannie Hinds,‡ Mount Sterling, Ky	Kentucky
1898.	Miss Mary Pescud,† Raleigh, N. C	North Carolina
1899.	Miss Arrena Carroll,† Mount Crawford, Va	Baltimore
1899.	Miss Lela McNemar, Edwards, Miss	Mississippi
1899.	Miss Clara B. Fullerton, Louisville, Ky	Louisville
1899.	Miss Maude Bonnell,* Muskogee, Okla	East Oklahoma
1900.	Miss Sadie Harbaugh,† Washington, D. C	Baltimore
1900.	Miss Elizabeth Davis, Durham, N. C	North Carolina
1900.	Miss Alice Griffith,† Marion, Ky	Louisville
1900.	Miss June Nicholson,* Edgefield, S. C	South Carolina
1900.	Miss Mollie Cessna,† Utica, Miss	North Mississippi
1900.	Miss Sue Ford, Paris, Ky	Kentucky
1901.	Miss Maidee Smith, LaGrange, Ga	North Georgia
1901.	Miss Orien Alexander,* Brookfield, Mo	Missouri
1901.	Miss Mary Knowles,† Macon, Ga	South Georgia
1901.	Miss Ida May Stewart,† Leesburg, Fla	Florida
1901.	Miss Lily Whitman, Eupora, Miss	North Mississippi
1901.	Mrs. Ellen B. Carney, Plant City, Fla	Florida
1901.	Miss Della V. Wright, Anderson, S. C	South Carolina
1901.	Miss May Treadwell, Edgewood, Ga	North Georgia
1902.	Miss Josephine Hounshell,† Corinth, Va	Holston
1902.	Miss Blanche Howell, Asheville, N. C	Western North Carolina
1902.	Miss Loula M. Norville,† Livingston, Ala	Alabama
1903.	Miss Ara Riggins,* Pasadena, Cal	Los Angeles
1904.	Miss Ada Parker,† New Orleans, La	Louisiana
1904.	Miss Ellasue Wagner, Chilhowie, Va	Virginia
1904.	Miss Janie Watkins,† Jackson, Miss	Mississippi
1904.	Miss Mattie M. Ivey, Calvert, Tex	Texas
1905.	Miss Elizabeth Lamb,‡ Fayetteville, N. C	North Carolina
1905.	Mrs. F. K. Brown,‡ Knoxville, Tenn	Holston
1905.	Miss Irene King, Holden, Mo	Southwest Missouri
1905.	Miss Eleanor Dye,† Evansville, Miss	North Mississippi.
1900.	Miss Sophia Mann,* Mexia, Tex	Northwest Texas
1906.	Miss Agnes Ruff, Wallaceville, S. C	South Carolina
1906.	Miss Estelle Hood, Commerce, Ga	North Georgia
1907.	Mrs. S. S. Harris, Citra, Fla	Florida
1907.	Mrs. Emily Runyon, M.D., Richmond, Va	Virginia
1907.	Miss Ruby Kendrick,* Plano, Tex	Northwest Texas
1907.	Miss Martha Ivie Batey,† Murfreesboro, Tenn	Tennessee

*Deceased. †Married. ‡Retired.

Appointed.	Name and Former Residence.	Conference.
1907.	Miss Ruby Lilly,† Whitman, Ga.	South Georgia
1907.	Miss Augusta May Dye,† Plano, Tex.	Northwest, Texas
1907.	Miss Emma I. Steger,† Mountain Grove, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1907.	Miss Linnie Barcroft, Tupelo, Miss.	Mississippi
1908.	Miss Kate Smallwood,† New Albany, Miss.	North Mississippi
1908.	Miss Bessie Houser,† Perry, Ga.	South Georgia
1908.	Miss Daisy Pyles,† Juiz de Fora, Brazil	Brazil
Z908.	Miss Mary F. Johnstone,† Dawson, Ga.	South Georgia
1908.	Miss Alma Jones, Webb City, Mo	Missouri
1908.	Mrs. Nellie O'Bierne	Louisiana
1908.	Miss Trulie Richmond, Ennis, Tex.	Central Texas
1908.	Mamie Fenley, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Brzail
1909.	Miss Hardynia Norville, Livingston, Ala.	Alabama
1909.	Miss Martha Nutt, Granbury, Tex.	Central Texas
1909.	Miss Valeria Vollmer,† Porto Alegre, Brazil	Brazil
1909.	Miss Minnie Varner,‡ Greenville Ala,	Alabama
1909.	Miss Elsie Lowe,† Midlothian, Tex.	Central Texas
1909.	Miss Tommie Foster, Tchula, Miss.	Mississippi
1909.	Miss Helen Hickman, Sherman, Tex.	North Texas
1909.	Miss Terrie Etta Buttrick, Asheville, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1910.	Miss Marie Wightman Capers, Charleston, S. C.	South Carolina
1910.	Miss Margaret Beadle,† Austin, Tex.	West Texas
1910.	Miss Nevada Martin,† Pelahatchie, Miss.	Mississippi
1910.	Miss Dora Otis,† Hopkinsville, Mo.	Missouri
1910.	Miss Gilberta Harris, Arkadelphia, Ark.	Little Rock
1910.	Miss Nellie Bennett, Blackstone, Va.	Virginia
1910.	Miss Johnnie Pierson, Hamilton, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1910.	Miss Sallie J. Smith,† Richmond, Va.	Virginia
1910.	Miss Ellen Alfter,* Warrensburg, Mo	Southwest Missouri
1910.	Miss Alice Dean Noyse, Macon, Ga.	South Georgia
1910.	Miss Virginia Howell, Lamasco, Tex.	North Texas
1911.	Miss Clare Beverly Cain, Los Angeles, Cal.	Los Angeles
1911.	Miss Myrtle Barker,† Warsaw, Ky.	Kentucky
1911.	Miss Miriam Steele,† Brownwood, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1911.	Miss Frankie Hooper, St. Joseph, Mo.	Missouri
1911.	Miss Margaret Simpson, Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas
1911.	Miss Lillie Reed,† Waco, Tex.	East Oklahoma
1911.	Miss Florence Barton, Frederickstown, Mo.	St. Louis
1912.	Miss Mae Owings, Fountain Inn, S. C.	South Carolina
1912.	Miss Flora Herndon,† Elberton, Ga.	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Maggie Lee Kenney,† Los Angeles, Cal.	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Laura V. Summers, Barnesville, Ga.	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Lucy Henderson, Murfreesboro, Tenn.	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Bessie Lee Wilson,† College Grove, Tenn.	Tennessee
1912.	Miss Theodosia Wales,† Binghamton, N Y.	New Jersey
1912.	Miss Edith Hayes,† Birmingham, Ala.	North Alabama
1912.	Dr. Ethel Polk,† Kansas City, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1912.	Miss Jennie Stradley,† Granberry, Tex.	Central Texas
1912.	Miss Charlie May Cunningham, Lindsay, Cal.	Los Angeles
1913.	Miss Blanche Webb,† Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston
1913.	Miss Bertha O. Attaway,† Oswego, S. C.	South Carolina
1913.	Miss Bessie Hardie,† Korea	South Georgia
1913.	Miss Margaret Webster, Ennis, Tex.	Central Texas
1913.	Miss Edith Brittingham, Portsmouth, Va.	Virginia
1913.	Miss Eva Hardy, Oak Park, Ill.	Illinois
1914.	Miss Manelle Forster,† Macon, Ga.	South Georgia
1914.	Miss Elizabeth Love,† Sweetwater, Tenn.	Holston
1914.	Miss Allene Pearce, Danville, Ky	Kentucky
1915.	Miss Olive Lipscomb,† Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1915.	Miss Ellie Gray, LaGrange, Ga.	North Georgia
1915.	Miss Ethel Brown, Petersburg, Va.	Virginia
1916.	Miss Myra Olive, Seattle, Wash.	Northwest
1917.	Miss Etha Mills,† Apple Grove, Va.	Virginia
1917.	Miss Etta Lee Woolsey,† Bay City, Tex.	Texas
1917.	Miss Grace McCubbins,† Salisbury, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1917.	Miss Katherine Hatcher,† Harlem, Ga.	North Georgia
1918.	Miss Edna Booker, Los Angeles, Cal.	Los Angeles
1918.	Miss Jessie Drew Gill, Tuskegee, Ala	Alabama
1919.	Miss Teresa Whittal, Chicago, Ill.	Illinois
1919.	Miss Fannie Scott,† Toney Creek, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1919.	Miss Nora E. Darwin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Central Texas
1920.	Miss Eliza Iles,† Dry Creek, La.	Louisiana
1920.	Miss Marzie Hall,† Walnut Gorve, Miss.	Mississippi
1920.	Miss Ruth Henderson,† Richmond, Va.	Virginia

*Deceased. †Married.

REPORTS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD.

AFRICA MISSION.

WEMBO-NYAMA, CONGO BELGE.

Medical Work.

M. FLORA FOREMAN, REGISTERED NURSE.

The work has been accomplished under many difficulties. Eleven of the fifteen months we were without a doctor, and eight of these months one nurse alone worked in this needy department. Many of the patients take months to get well, a nurse's first diagnosis does not always hit, and many books have to be consulted and many remedies tried, so the hospital is a busy place.

Shungu entered the hospital June 20, 1921, with a large ulcer on his left hip. He was sixteen months getting well, but is now repaying us for all our efforts and trouble. The day he was dismissed as a patient we started him in training in the general work of the hospital, and I have never had so willing and tireless a helper, though he is still a little lame. Another patient dismissed this last quarter, unbenefited, had been here eighteen months. Some of the deaths have been among the outcast incurables. We have had no serious epidemics this year except whooping cough. Several children in the Mission and surrounding villages died, and the two children of Rev. and Mrs. Reeve suffered severely from this malady.

For lack of a few very essential drugs the past several months, we have been much handicapped in the medical work. Some of these are now arriving slowly and in small quantities, and we hope to be able in the future to keep supplied.

Upon Miss Wilson's return from furlough and also after Dr. Sheffy's arrival, several incurable patients were dismissed to make room for those whom we had hopes of helping. It is very hard to turn these helpless people away to spend the rest of their lives, perhaps, in misery and pain, and we earnestly hope to have a hospital especially for them before many months.

The plans for our new brick hospital are just about perfected, and work will be begun on it at an early date. We shall expect more volunteers from among the medical profession when they see that we have the equipment for accomplishing something worth while. If they stop to think, they cannot fail to realize the unlimited opportunities in all lines of this profession in this wonderful field.

It was a glad day for these people when Dr. Sheffy arrived. Many had been inquiring about the coming of a doctor for months and asking if there were not some among the many in America who would have pity upon them. They say now that their prayers have been answered, and many more will be answered through this one man, consecrated to the service and guidance of God, the loving Father of us all. Yet one man cannot answer the prayers of so great and scattered a multitude, and we are praying that others may hear the call of God and of these people.

GIRLS' HOME AND WOMAN'S WORK.

MRS. H. P. ANKER.

The Girls' Home has been in charge of three different workers during the past year—Mrs. A. Lynn having had supervision of the Home the last

quarter of 1921, Mrs. J. J. Davis the first quarter of 1922, and I during the remainder of the year. A change in matrons was also made. We have tried to make the Home as homelike as possible, and feel that in a measure we have succeeded, for the children are happy to be here. Not one child has run away during the past nine months, and they have not been away from the Home overnight.

Classes have been held with the children in sewing, drawing, and story-telling. In addition to this, they have been taught cooking, gardening, caring for the dormitories, making of peanut oil and starch. They have attended school and all Church services regularly. Twenty-eight children were enrolled during the past fifteen months. Of this number, four were transferred to the Home at Lubefu Station, three were married, three ran away to their own villages, one was permitted to go home on account of serious illness, and one died. We now have sixteen little girls in the Home.

The Woman's Missionary Society has its meetings monthly. During the year one hundred and nineteen members were enrolled. Most of them have been faithful in the paying of their dues, which amount is given above their tithes. At our meetings we have tried to give them Bible lessons which would be helpful to them in their everyday lives and instill in their hearts a desire to help those who are less fortunate than they are. The women of this village attend school, Missionary Society meetings, and Sunday school faithfully. We wish their attendance at the daily morning prayer services was as good; but they are usually so anxious to go to their gardens that they often go before the Church services. Three social meetings have been held with the women during the year, two in connection with the Missionary Society and one in connection with the school. Our women have taken quite an interest in their school work and have made good progress. At the beginning of the year most of them were in the letter classes, but the close of the year finds most of them promoted into other classes. Sewing classes have been held weekly for those who can read and have perfect attendance records at school. Recently Mrs. Reeve and Mrs. Henry have assisted in teaching the sewing classes because of the increased number who have joined these classes.

During the year a Missionary Society was organized in Chief Wembo-Nyama's village. Its present enrollment is thirty-two members. The two societies together have cared for three poor women in the above-mentioned village. These women have just recently died, but we feel sure that the members who have been faithful in attending to their wants will have their reward. The women in Wembo-Nyama's village are remarkable in many respects. A number of them give more than their tithe in addition to their monthly dues in the society. They are quick to help those in need and have learned that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

TUNDA STATION.

WILLIE G. HALL, EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Our enrollment of boys and young men at the opening was twenty-two, but it continued to increase until the last week of school. The majority of them are bright, earnest boys. One class has made remarkable progress both in reading and in numbers during the past ten weeks of school. It is to be hoped that these bright boys can have as good mental and manual training as our Mission offers.

The older boys and teachers were eager for French lessons. A class was organized in which the pupils took a great deal of interest. After the first few lessons one could hear phrases and broken sentences uttered on the Mission compound. In spite of the little knowledge which the teacher had of the Otetela language, having been on the field for two and one-half months, the work was enjoyed immensely. There are very few women in the Mission village, but nearly every one of them was enrolled in school.

Mrs. Lynn taught them sewing one afternoon of each week. Perfect attendance at school was the one qualification for attending the sewing school. Needless to say, their attendance was good.

The native teachers, though not well trained, are gradually adopting new methods of teaching. We are trying to teach them that they must teach their pupils to think for themselves. They are helping us to teach passages of Scripture to the boys. They have almost learned several Psalms and the Beatitudes.

School was conducted in Chief Tunda's village for several weeks. About twenty-two of the chief's fifty-five wives attended our school, besides a number of children and men. The attendance ran low because of the work of minding the birds from the grain fields, so we had to close the school. It was delightful to hear these women repeat from memory the twenty-third Psalm. Evangelists are conducting schools at two other outposts, with an average of about twenty-five pupils.

Our work, though only begun, is growing; our efforts are certainly being blessed. We hope to teach the people as well as preach to them the way of life eternal.

BRAZIL MISSION.

BENNETT COLLEGE, RIO DE JANEIRO.

EVA L. HYDE, TECHNICAL PRINCIPAL.

December 15, 1922, marks the close of the second year of existence for Bennett College. The statistical report shows decided progress in the material aspects of the school. The matriculation for this year has been forty per cent larger than that of last year, and the increase in the boarding department has been sixty per cent. The latter was made possible by the renting of an adjoining house. Along with the material increase we teachers feel that there has been substantial growth and development in character. Some of our scholarship girls especially have given clear evidence of spiritual development and have manifested a beautiful spirit of helpfulness and service. Two of them have joined the Church during the year.

Owing to Brazil's Centennial Exposition here in Rio, we have been favored with a large number of American visitors. It has given us much pleasure to show the school to all of these friends and especially so to those who were Southern Methodists and whose Centenary gifts have helped to make it possible. Our disappointment has naturally been great because our new building has not yet gotten under way. We trust, however, that additional property may soon be purchased and our much-needed and long-looked-forward-to school building erected.

The missionaries and teachers have all given faithful service. Our hearts were made glad and our burdens greatly lightened in August by the coming of a special English teacher, Miss Caudill. In every way God has richly blessed us, and our hearts are full of gratitude.

ELIZA B. PERKINSON, FIELD SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRINCIPAL OF BENNETT COLLEGE.

At the beginning of the year the workers in Rio faced two problems of major importance. The first was that of securing additional room for the development of Bennett College. Faith, aided by prayer and effort, won a victory, and we succeeded in renting the property adjoining us on the north, which provides classes, three dormitories, three rooms for teachers, a guest room, and other needs. At present we occupy four buildings. The second problem was that of the cottage for our workers at the Instituto do

Povo. The money appropriated would have been sufficient under ordinary conditions, but with the razing of Castle Hill, the filling in of an arm of the Bay, and the erection of the Exposition buildings, the prices of material soared high, and ordinary workmen commanded three times their usual wages. Conditions improved slightly before the end of the year, and the house was finished in November. It has been christened "Case Cottage," is comfortably furnished, and is now occupied by the two missionaries appointed to that work. For the present I am living with them and keeping office hours at Bennett College. Grading the hill at the back, strengthening the cemetery wall at the side, and securing an adequate supply of water constitute the work still unfinished.

A few weeks ago we had an opportunity to rent the Petropolis property for a branch of the largest and best boys' school in Rio, under a contract of five years. The renter promises to vacate the house in case we are able to sell it. He pays a reasonable rent, all taxes, insurance, keeps the building in repair, and agrees to return the property to us in as good condition as when he received it.

I have sent to Nashville copies of the deeds to our property, as requested, and have looked into the matter of insurance. Every building is now insured, either in the States or in a reliable company on the field. The day school building at Villa Isabel is not yet ready for use. The lot was graded, but prices of material and labor were so high that we decided to delay a few months.

HELEN JOHNSTON, HOME ECONOMICS.

January, 1922, found me in the homeland after a year's furlough. Delay in returning to the field was caused by my having been ill. My appointment being Rio, Bishop Moore and Miss Case advised that, since the school did not open until March, and since it was the hot season in Brazil, I should remain some weeks longer in the homeland.

I was sorry not to have been at my post, helping to get ready for the opening in March. As it was, I did not arrive until school had been in progress a week. I certainly felt honored in being appointed to work in our lovely Belle Bennett. At the end of its first year Bennett College had outgrown its capacity, and on my arrival I found that the college had an annex.

My work has been looking after the home and having charge of the Domestic Science Department. This year there was a class of eight girls who completed the course in this department and received certificates. In the Sunday school my class is composed of the older women of the Church. Their ignorance is pathetic; but they are very faithful, and it is a joy to minister unto these who are so hungry for His word.

MARY ALICE LAMAR, MATHEMATICS AND PENMANSHIP.

The second year at Bennett has been a glad one. There have been no serious disappointments, and a backward look gives courage to begin the new year with strong faith that God will give increase when we plant his word. The certainty that his Spirit has worked with wonderful transforming power in the hearts of girls who were in sore need of changed lives has afforded satisfaction too deep to be expressed.

The classroom work has been good. My part of it has been about the the same as in the preceding year, and I have found great pleasure in it because the pupils are remarkably responsive and enthusiastic. Before school closed I went to Sao Paulo to attend the meetings of the University Federation, and greatly enjoyed the privilege. Bennett was made a constituent member of the Federation, having this year reached the required matriculation in the High School and number of years of work. The aim of the Federation is unity among the evangelical schools, including com-

mon courses of study and methods of teaching. The discussions of school problems were most helpful.

I am now entering my fifth year, the last before furlough. I pray that it may mean more for the kingdom than any previous one.

COLLEGIO ISABELLA HENDRIX, BELLO HORIZONTE.

EMMA CHRISTINE, PRINCIPAL.

Beginning in February with an enrollment of one hundred and three, the Isabella Hendrix matriculated one hundred and sixty-nine before the close of the year. Many of the pupils are from the cultured and influential families of the State capital, but some of our best pupils come from afar, making journeys anywhere from seven to fifteen days. Twelve girls completed the course this year. If we are not mistaken, this is the largest number graduated to date from any of our schools in Brazil. This class was honored by the presence of five representatives of the State and city governments at their graduating exercises. Unhappily, we were unsuccessful in sending any of this group to Bennett to continue their studies. The need for well-prepared teachers becomes even more pressing, but to the Brazilian girl of sixteen or seventeen marriage is more alluring than teaching. There were five unavoidable and disturbing changes in the faculty this year from the time school opened until the close of the first term. When the Bennett begins to furnish teachers for the regional and parochial schools, then our educational work will begin to come into its own.

One important event of the year in connection with our work was the remodeling of the old parsonage, which we began to occupy in June. Most of the schoolrooms and all of the dormitories were uncomfortably full this year. We hope the new building is not very far off.

The Isabella Hendrix is increasing in favor among the influential and wealthy of this city and elsewhere, but increased favor means greater responsibility. There is a great demand for a commercial course and for the domestic arts branches, studies that contribute to the comfort and usefulness of the pupils.

LYDIA FERGUSON, GRAMMAR GRADES.

When I made my last annual report I had my appointment to work at People's Institute; but "Case Cottage," the new home for the workers, was not built, and Miss Mathis did not return, so I was sent to Bello Horizonte to help in the school there. In some ways it has been the best year of my life. My Lord has been nearer; and, though there have been difficulties, his promises have been sure. Our school has prospered. The enrollment has been good, and many people speak of it as the best school in the city. I have loved my work as superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school.

School closed the last of November, and I came immediately to our new home in Rio. Miss Perkinson has worked during the entire year getting the house built and furnishings ready. She had everything she possibly could in readiness for Miss Holt and me. We are very happy in our new home and will be busy now getting ready for the new year's work.

LUCY BELLE MORGAN, ENGLISH.

My first year in Brazil has been a blessed one to me. I came to Bello Horizonte in January, and we have just closed this school year. Being a new missionary, my work has been principally in the English Department, where I had, last term, five and six classes per day. However, I undertook one class in Portuguese arithmetic.

I have also directed the games for the classes of the fifth, sixth, and

seventh years. You would rejoice to know what a drawing card to the institution sports are. Once during the year we had a really American Field Day, and the results were very happy.

With this work and my language study, each day has been full. I rejoice and thank our Heavenly Father that I have had a share in the work here.

MAUD A. MATHIS, HOME ECONOMICS.

One year in Home Economics study was only a beginning in the preparation for Home Economics teacher, and again I asked for more time for study.

The transfer to the Home Economics Department necessitated a change in my major subjects and thus caused me to lose some of my old credits. However, I am getting some fine courses and still hope to get my degree, as I can take the few other credits by correspondence after returning to the field.

I thank the Council for the special study fund which has made possible this better preparation, and I hope to repay in more efficient service for the coming of His kingdom in Brazil.

COLLEGIO PIRACICABANO, PIRACICABA.

LILY A. STRADLEY, PRINCIPAL.

In the Piracicabano the year 1922 has been one of quiet, steady growth. Never was there so large a matriculation. The health record is excellent, and all energies have been directed toward raising standards and ideals. Financially, we have been self-sustaining. The city passed an ordinance relieving us from taxes, which would have been very heavy otherwise, on account of paving the streets and other improvements now on hand. Next year we shall have to spend heavily, widening our sidewalks; and if we accommodate our patronage, we must build another dormitory. The places for 1923 were all taken before the close of 1922, and there is a waiting list equal to our present capacity. We are raising our requirements for our certificates; for this reason only one young lady completed our course. She is teaching in Santa Maria. We shall have a class of five ready next year. The number of girls who are willing to stay in school for higher work is increasing, and opportunities for them to serve are also increasing.

The first two weeks of November a revival meeting was held in our church, and in the large number gathered into the fold were many of our girls, and others are still interested. Our Church members have this year increased from thirteen to thirty-eight.

The people of our State appreciate the great benefits received from the missionary schools, and many receive us gladly and are thankful to the great Church which has done so much for them. The Roman authorities offer us open battle, but through Christ we shall conquer.

GERTRUDE KENNEDY, BIBLE, HISTORY, AND ENGLISH.

Another school year has passed, making seven since I first arrived in Brazil. As the years go by I become more and more devoted to this beautiful country and these kind people. My work for the past year has been Bible, History, and English principally. I also taught one small class in Latin.

In addition to the above work, I have also done the buying for the kitchen and a part of the shopping for the girls. I have also taught a Sunday school class every Sunday morning before going to Sunday school at the church, and another one there. The first class is composed of some girls in the intermediate classes in the school; and the second, for the most part, of young ladies from the Church.

The subject that has given me greatest joy is my Bible. My girls in

Bible were from the ninth through the eleventh years, and they all seemed so interested in it. Many of them are planning to teach it later. There is great satisfaction in teaching such pupils.

SOPHIA SCHALCH, PRIMARY METHODS, DOMESTIC SCIENCE, AND PEDAGOGY.

My work has been different this year from the past years. The kindergarten was discontinued for several reasons. One was that I could not get a helper, and it was impossible for me to go on with the work as it was; the other reason was that in the State of Sao Paulo a law was passed that only children from eight years of age up could be matriculated in the public schools. That left the six- and seven-year-old ones out of school, and we had an overflow in the primary department. Therefore the first and second years in our school were separated, and I took charge of the first year. I also had charge of the Domestic Science Department and the Pedagogy and Psychology classes. It was my privilege and pleasure to direct the normal class of young girls and boys in Sunday school. At the end of November nine girls and one boy received their certificates and will next year be ready to take charge of Sunday school classes. For next year there will be a still larger class, and I hope to have among the pupils several of the public school teachers.

COLLEGIO METHODISTA, RIBEIRAO PRETO.

PEARL OLIVIA HICKS, PRINCIPAL.

My fourth year at Collegio Methodista has been a very happy one. It had an auspicious beginning, with three missionaries appointed to the work and a very satisfactory close when four bright girls finished the course and received their certificates. The total enrollment exceeded that of any year since 1915 and was large enough to make us very eager for our new building.

Although the duties of the office took a large part of my time, they did not entirely prevent my teaching. I had a Bible class, three geography classes, an English class, and a physiology class. I was very fortunate in having a very fine Portuguese teacher, who rendered valuable help in the preparation of the school catalogue.

All the workers at Collegio Methodista help with the local Church work. The small girls of my Sunday school class, "Heroines of the Faith," were a joy and an inspiration. As Vice President of the Missionary Society I continued to supervise the Young Woman's Society, of which many of our boarding pupils are active members. I attended the District Conference and the Annual Conference, being a lay member of each. We render grateful thanks to our Master for the splendid health record of the year, for the enthusiastic work of all teachers, and for rich blessings unnumbered.

RACHEL JARRETT, BIBLE AND ENGLISH.

It has been my privilege to help in the work at Collegio Methodista, Ribeirao Preto, where my first four years in Brazil were spent. We had our dormitories full of fine girls, a good day school attendance, and, I think, the best school spirit among the pupils that I have ever seen. For more than half the year we were without a housekeeper, so that marketing, planning menus, and looking after many little wheels that make the household machinery turn constituted a part of my program. My teaching has been chiefly English and Bible, with some classes in nature study, sewing, and penmanship. Some of my brightest and most interested pupils in Bible had never opened the book until the beginning of our first term. I have enjoyed my Sunday school class, which had an enrollment of twenty girls. Even though more were Roman Catholic than Protestant in belief, they did good work.

VIOLA VIRGINIA MATTHEWS, ENGLISH.

Time passes so rapidly! It seems impossible that a year has passed since I came to Collegio Methodista. Each task has not been easy, yet the year has been a most delightful and helpful one. My morning hours have been devoted almost entirely to language study. I have found the study of Portuguese very interesting and have thoroughly enjoyed it. Through duty work, classroom work, and playground work, I have learned to know the pupils. I am quite sure the other schools cannot boast of finer girls than those of the Methodista.

I have taught four English classes, a class in embroidery, and the outdoor games. My English pupils have made good progress during the year. I was most pleased with my class in embroidery. Many of the pupils learned to embroider nicely, and their little exhibit at the end of the school term was well worth mentioning. The greatest delight of our girls was in games and outdoor activities. They enjoyed basket ball most of all and especially the match games. I have learned to love Ribeirao Preto, its people, and our girls, therefore it is with greatest joy that I return to take up the work of the coming year.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE, SAO PAULO.

LELIA F. EPPS.

I wrote one hundred and twelve letters; organized a Reading Club with sixty-nine members of girls in five of our schools; read thirty books with the idea of selecting appropriate material for the girls of the Reading Club; sent out twelve books and a number of short stories for the girls to read, quite a number of which have been translated and returned; selected and translated a number of short stories—things to do, things to make, puzzles, etc.—to be used in the children's magazine; I am trying to direct the work of the Bible women in Sao Paulo; have translated a number of missionary tracts to be used as readings or program material by the missionary societies. These tracts are to be printed in leaflet form. We hope gradually to begin getting up regular program material for every month of the year.

In order to locate talent among our Mission schoolgirls we sent out copies of a picture and invited the Reading Club girls to write imaginary stories about it. Of the two dozen stories sent in, we selected six to be printed in the first three numbers of the magazine. We also asked the girls to draw pictures of Brazilian butterflies. The girls in Bennett College copied about fifty of the butterflies that are on exhibit at the Exposition, showing their natural sizes and colors. We are making from these an interesting little drawing book for Brazilian children. We have selected, translated, and arranged material for four numbers of a post card folder, to be a leaflet of choice selections and good thoughts from literature. We have put the story of Robinson Crusoe into English that even a small child can understand and appreciate, and the Reading Club girls in Collegio Centenario are translating it into Portuguese. Our plan is to publish a series of short stories in booklet form. At present we are working on "The Great Stone Face," "Rip Van Winkle," "Adventures of Captain Cook," "Robin Hood," etc.

COLLEGIO CENTENARIO, SANTA MARIA.

EUNICE F. ANDREW, PRINCIPAL.

As announced, we opened school on the 27th of March, with only seven children and a few friends present. After appropriate exercises work commenced and the Collegio Centenario was a verity—a part of Santa Maria and the Methodist Church in Brazil. On the second day ten children came. Later others came, and we closed school with all the pupils we

could accommodate in our present building. We are exceedingly glad to report that there was no sickness in our home during the year. All of our boarders are members of the Church, and a number of our day pupils attended Sunday school.

We have met strong opposition from the Roman bishop and priests. A priest told the mother of one of our pupils that it was a "real scandal" to the Church to have her daughter in our school. In the beginning there was opposition to the study of the Bible, and some manifested fear; after a short time this disappeared, and the girls seemed to enjoy the Bible hour. We have ten girls who are ready for the seventh grade, and one will enter the ninth grade next year.

The work on our new building is now progressing rapidly. Dr. Clay hopes to have part of it ready for the opeing of school in March, 1923. We had the pleasure of entertaining the Annual Meeting of the South Brazil missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Loyall entertained a number in the parsonage. The Teachers' Institute will be held in Centenary College next January. Plans will be made to have a month of normal training each summer. Miss Best has entered into the work with all the enthusiasm possible and has been a blessing to all of us. I am asking God to so give me the vision of opportunity that he may use me in upholding the work in this city, which is the center of Romanism.

LOUISE BEST, ENGLISH.

One year ago, when I made my report, the anticipation of the work here in Collegio Centenario filled my heart with joy; to-day I am just as happy over the reality of this anticipation. In spite of the inconveniences, which naturally come in the beginning of any work, and outside opposition, the year has been a good one. My work has consisted of language study, teaching a few classes in English, and housekeeping duties.

December 6 was a memorable day for us. At that time the corner stone of our new school was laid. Many of our patrons, as well as other leading citizens, were present. We considered ourselves extremely fortunate in having Dona Margarida Lopes, one of the leading educators of the town, deliver the oration.

Realizing the responsibility that a privilege such as ours carries, we are trusting and praying that each "stone" laid in the training of the young lives intrusted to our care may help to make firm the foundation of this monument which the Woman's Missionary Council has placed here to help in this needy land.

COLLEGIO AMERICANO, PORTO ALEGRE.

MARY JANE BAXTER, PRINCIPAL.

This last year has been for me a year of great happiness. To be able to be back at work at all was a great privilege and a surprise to me. When the call came for some one to go to Porto Alegre to help out in the need there, I was glad to go and do anything I could. During the months of Miss Morgan's illness, in the school, I did the office work and some teaching, but all during the first term I tried not to do too heavy work. When Miss Brown came back and Misses Morgan and Stout went home, and the preparations for the new building were begun, work multiplied. Our dearth of prepared teachers added greatly to our difficulties. Until our normal schools can furnish us prepared teachers in a number somewhat commensurate with our needs, our work must fall far short of what we want it to be. Our hopes for the new year are bright, with our new school building, remodeled dormitory, and enlarged enrollment, but these only make the teacher problem still larger.

It was a joy to me to see the progress of the gospel in the Southern Con-

ference. To see the congregation in Central Church, Porto Alegre, makes one feel as if one were at home. With the whole first floor full and some in the galleries, it is a sight to cheer the heart.

SARA STOUT, BIBLE AND ENGLISH.

It seems impossible that I am sending in my fifth annual report. My five years in Brazil passed very quickly, and here I am in the homeland planning what I shall do upon my return. The last year was a short one. My school work, which consisted of classes in Bible and English, ended in September, when I was given permission to sail for the United States. My trip home across the Andes and up the West Coast of South America was most delightful and of real benefit. It was a great pleasure to visit the mission schools along the way. A very happy afternoon was spent in company with the missionaries of the Buenavista school in Havana, Cuba. The last two months of the year were spent in resting and in study.

ELMA MORGAN.

The past year was, indeed, the most trying year of my life, and but for His goodness and presence I should have despaired. In February the doctor advised that I come home for a year's rest, as he said I was suffering from nervous breakdown. However, I remained in Porto Alegre until the last of September, hoping that I might improve and submitting myself to the trying ordeal of three months flat on my back with the firm hope of being myself again after this treatment. But in the end the doctor still advised my return home, and, as much as I longed to stay and try again, Bishop Dobbs and my fellow workers thought wise that I follow the doctor's advice. It is a comfort to know that I did my best and earnestly strove to do His will.

MISSIONARIES IN LANGUAGE STUDY.

JESSIE MOORE.

I shall never forget how very beautiful Rio looked on that cloudless afternoon when we sailed past Sugar Loaf into the harbor. It seemed to me it was the prettiest place in the world, and when our friends from Bennett College and others met us at the gang plank I thought they were the kindest people in the world, and my first impressions have certainly proved lasting ones. I am very happy to be in Brazil. The past five months I spent in Nictheroy, studying the language. My stay in Nictheroy was very pleasant, Christmas at Bennett College most enjoyable, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that I am looking forward to going to Piracicaba and beginning my work there.

ROSALIE BROWN.

Our delightful ocean voyage, which began at New York, came to an end one August afternoon when we entered the beautiful harbor of Rio de Janeiro. Words are inadequate to describe the beauty of this harbor. A few days were spent in Rio, during which time we saw many things of interest. Then Miss Hardy and I went to Petropolis and began our study of Portuguese. This is an interesting language. We boarded with a Protestant Brazilian family, and they were very kind to us.

My first appointment in Brazil is to Bennett College. It is with much pleasure that I am planning to work there. I am truly thankful that our Heavenly Father has counted me worthy to work in this beautiful country, where the need is so great and where the laborers are few.

CAVIE JEWELL CLARK.

I have just finished my first five months of language study. They have been very happy months and intensely interesting. Miss Moore and I

have been in a Brazilian home in Nictheroy, the capital of the State of Rio de Janeiro, situated just across the bay from the Federal capital. Our teacher was a former pupil of Collegio Americano, Petropolis, and she is not only a splendid teacher but a fine character. During these months I have been eagerly looking forward to my work in Ribeirao Preto, where I go to take charge of the music department. How glad I am to have a small part in this great task in Brazil!

HELEN E. HARDY.

Since reaching Brazil in August I have been living in a Brazilian home in Petropolis, giving my entire time to the intensive study of the language. In December Mr. Becker, the pastor, gave me charge of the music for the Christmas entertainment, and made possible my first real, though small, touch with the people. The joy of singing with the children makes me look forward eagerly to the opportunities for service that will be opened up to me in Porto Alegre.

CUBA MISSION.

COLEGIO IRENE TOLAND, MATANZAS.

REBECCA TOLAND, PRINCIPAL.

In reviewing our work of the past year I am thankful for many blessings received and for the many manifestations of loyalty to our school from former pupils. Many expressions of appreciation for the work done by our school have come from friends and sometimes from comparative strangers.

We feel that progress has been made, although on account of the continued financial depression of the country our numbers were not quite as many as before. A fine spirit has ruled among teachers and pupils, and faithful work has been done in the classrooms. We have long felt the need of more dormitories, and it was a time of rejoicing for us when we were enabled to buy, for a very small sum right next to our school, a beautiful piece of property of more than one-fourth of a block of land, on which we will put up our school building, leaving all of our present buildings and grounds for the home and dormitories. The plans for this Centenary building are now being made, and we hope to have one unit of it ready to enter very soon.

You will have a report from Miss Churchill, who meets weekly with the Woman's Missionary Society and who is the Superintendent of the Junior Epworth League. Other teachers help in these societies and with the volunteer band. All of the teachers who live in the home take part in the Sunday school. Our Bible woman has continued her work of visiting from house to house and conducting Sunday school classes in homes of shut-ins. Many new persons are reached in these classes who later become interested in the Church. She also has the Home Department of the Sunday school, and two days of each week are given to this part of the work.

ANNIE CHURCHILL, BIBLE AND ENGLISH.

The days of the year have been full. We are still using the Quinta Tosca as a dormitory, and I have the same work as last year, with one more Bible class added. Especially has the most advanced class been a blessing to me as we studied the Word together. During our protracted services each one in this class selected a friend to be prayed for. Their faces lightened when one of the "prayed for" ones would give her hand as a candidate for Church membership. Two girls from my Bible classes are teachers in the Sunday school and are doing good work. My own Sunday school class is composed of women, many of them mothers with families. Our superin-

tendent presented the class with a banner for fidelity in attendance and offering. The Junior League has been under my direction. With the help of three untiring assistants, it has grown to be a good little League. Some of our Missionary Societies have doubled their membership this year. I was made Corresponding Secretary for the Cuban Conference Missionary Society, which has added to my regular work; but I love it and am anxious to see more auxiliaries organized. Most of the pastors encourage us by their sympathy with this work. The *Antorcha Misionera* is a blessing to us. We depend on it as a base for programs and mission study.

Pray that many of our girls may become followers of our Lord Jesus in the coming year.

CLARA EOLA CHALMERS, ENGLISH.

My second year in the mission field and at Irene Toland has been as happy as, if not happier, than the first. With a better knowledge of the language, people, and work comes a renewed interest and stimulus. Every other week it is my privilege to "mother" the twenty children in our primary dormitory. I enjoy this work; for our little girls are really good, affectionate, and appreciative. I teach with pleasure nine classes in English to girls who are quite bright and teachable. They presented a little play in English as part of our Christmas program. I find pleasure also in helping our children with their games and club work. This is the first year of the "Club" and it has been a real success. Our plan and ideas of organization were drawn to a great extent from the Girl Reserves of the Y. W. C. A., but Cuban originality and color has added an unexpected richness. The girls willingly take part on the program and show unusual ability in preparing and carrying out programs. During the revival meetings in our church they held a special meeting of their club every evening after supper for the express purpose of praying for the service at the church. They love our Christian hymns and make liberal use of them in their club meetings. "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places." Miss Toland has been my true friend. I do appreciate her many kindnesses and helpful suggestions, which have made my life here both happy and useful.

COLEGIO ELIZA BOWMAN, CIENFUEGOS.

FRANCES B. MOLING, PRINCIPAL.

This has been to us a year of great trial, of heavy responsibility, and also, we believe, of great usefulness. We have built the wall and fences much needed around the very valuable property acquired more than a year ago; also a kitchen, dining room, and two bathrooms, and the absolutely necessary repairs on the old building. This has made it possible for us to move, although it has not given us even the space we need for schoolrooms. I shall not attempt to describe the moving in December, forced as we were to make this change the day before Christmas Eve. People are so interested in us and our new home that we have had a constant stream of visitors. If we can only measure up now to the opportunities! This school must serve for the education of the girls of this city and the surrounding community. In order to do this, we must provide a boarding department. The financial crisis does not seem to have affected our school. We have not been able to take more than nine boarders at any one time, because there was no room, and now more applications are coming because we have moved farther from the center of town. While much inconvenience is caused by the shifting of classes from classrooms to corridor and to shade trees, or dining room, or bedroom, we would not give up the happiness of living clean up on top of the world, with a marvelous view of earth and sea and sky in the finest location for a school in the whole republic.

We try to provide for the spiritual needs of our pupils by giving them a

Bible lesson every day and a chapel service every morning. Many of our day pupils are regular attendants at Sunday school and League and some of them attend the preaching services. Our boarding pupils attend all of these services regularly. To make the greatest impression upon the lives of these children, we should have them with us in the home under the constant influence of earnest, Christian teachers.

IONE CLAY, ENGLISH AND SEWING.

My program during the first part of last year was language study in the mornings, teaching in the afternoons, and what work I did as Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, Superintendent of the Primary Department, and teacher in the Sunday school. I attended the Annual Conference in February and our District Conference in August.

Since September I have taught all day, having all the sewing classes but two and all the special English classes. I am now studying Spanish with the best teacher of the language that I have found in Cienfuegos. Our pupils seem to enjoy to the fullest the space they now have for play. The boys play croquet and have baseball games on their own specially planned diamond. The girls still have their coaster, besides a wonderful swing, croquet, and balls of various kinds and sizes. The two volley ball teams practice every morning and sometimes after school, and display a lot of enthusiasm.

COLEGIO BUENAVISTA, HAVANA.

M. BELLE MARKEY, PRINCIPAL.

At two and a-half years of age Colegio Buenavista is quite a precocious infant. The growth in numbers has been gradual but constant. At the close of 1922 the enrollment is one hundred and sixteen. A fine spirit is manifested; the attendance is excellent; and the work done is praiseworthy, as is indicated by the number on the honor roll. We are proud of our house since the new story was added and other improvements made. We feel fully repaid for our many discomforts during the past summer. It is one of the most attractive buildings in Havana and is a credit to the Council. Until we get a school building, we shall be very much cramped in our classrooms, three of which are verandas inclosed with awnings. Though small, these are very comfortable for sunny weather, but even in Cuba it rains sometimes and is cool often in the winter months. More than half the students go to Sunday school, and twenty-two are Church members. Our Student Volunteer group meets every Sunday morning, and we trust that these meetings may mean much in the spiritual development of the members. We are glad to have with us a new missionary, Miss Junia Jones, sent out last summer, who is filling an important place in Colegio Buenavista. Our Music Department, under the able direction of Miss Lucile Vail, who has been with us since Colegio Buenavista opened, is doing splendid work. At the close of school in May two girls graduated from the English Department. This year the Senior class numbers three.

It is our prayer that a lasting impression may be made on the hearts and minds of the students in Colegio Buenavista.

JUNIA JONES, ENGLISH.

How glad I am that a new story was added to Colegio Buenavista that I might have a place here to work! Two Cuban teachers and the girls live up here with me. It is a great privilege to be in such close contact with the girls as I have in supervising their house work.

I have five English classes from the grades and one high school class in Bible. I also hold a chapel service each week with the American High School girls.

In Spanish I am getting bold timidly, even though two hours and a half daily are spent in study.

LUCILE VAIL, MISSIONARY TEACHER.

Another year of work has closed, and again my heart is filled with praise and thanksgiving for the blessings which have been ours. The Music Department continues full, and the work done by the pupils was encouraging. Since September I have had the normal girls in Bible class. I enjoy this class and feel that the work together is profitable to both teacher and pupils. I have duties in the home work of the school, assisting in the housekeeping. I did not go away this year, but spent the summer here. We were in the midst of building, and there was work enough to keep us busy.

Mrs. Atkins, of Georgia, a National Organizer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, spent last May in Cuba, and a beginning was made in temperance work. I was appointed National Secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion branch. We have three organized Legions, one of which is in Colegio Buenavista, wth forty members The Cuban teachers and children are actively interested in this work, and we trust that through these "little ones" we may see prohibition some day in Cuba. This school year will close my seventh year of work on the island. My life has been enriched with each year, and I am thankful for my place in His vineyard.

MEXICO MISSION.

NORWOOD E. WYNN, STUDENT AND WOMAN'S WORK.

Our third Volunteer Convention was held, according to our custom, in Holy Week. There are seven Volunteer Bands, with a total membership of two hundred and eighteen. Some of the Bands are taking Bible study, and others mission study. We need more literature for this work. Four volunteers finished the Bible course in Colegio Roberts last June and are giving proof of their consecration. One of them is my assistant. Five other young women have entered this course, and a large class of volunteer teachers will finish the normal work this year and be ready to fill places in our schools. A group of teachers in our schools, whom we call "Volunteers in Activity," give abundant proof of their desire to serve the Lord.

The volunteers in Instituto Laurens, in Monterrey, are doing just as good work as the girls. Some have preaching appointments, and many of them are active in evangelistic work. The *Antorcha Misionera* has met the imperative need of program material for the missionary societies. Mrs. Pascoe is a most able editor and Mrs. Vargas a competent business manager.

The first annual meeting of the Mexico Woman's Missionary Society was held in Saltillo at the time of the Volunteer Convention. The societies are working this year toward the following goal: (1) Organize at least ten new societies; (2) enroll a total of six hundred members; (3) collect as a minimum $1,400 (Mex.), to be distributed as follows: thirty per cent for work in Korea, thirty per cent for literature; forty per cent to support a volunteer in Roberts College; (4) each member an intercessor, to bring at least one soul to Christ.

Twelve societies have been organized; but as three of these have failed to send reports, we can report only nine as connectional auxiliaries, with total membership of three hundred and twenty-three.

The interest of the women in Bible study is increasing. I have two classes a week, with an average attendance of ten in each, besides visitors. I have held two or three cottage prayer meetings weekly. There have been many opportunities to present the gospel message for the first time to those in attendance.

COLEGIO PALMORE, CHIHUAHUA.

MARY E. MASSEY, PRINCIPAL.

The enrollment was higher last year than any preceeding year since our return in 1918. It reached four hundred. During the year I was away for four months on furlough, and the school was most ably directed by Srita. Ernestina Sanchez, one of our Mexican teachers. We have a group of fine, strong Mexican teachers who are capable and have the true spirit of service.

The government inspector came to visit the school every morning for two weeks. He asked me for a detailed report. Members of the Chamber of Commerce who heard his report sent word that they would like to visit the school. They came in a body and went through the entire school, and reported that it is the best school in the State.

We are very much crowded, but we hope soon to occupy the new building, which has been declared the best, most up-to-date building in Northern Mexico. Several of our boys and girls in the boarding department and our professor and his wife were converted and joined the Church. We had seven graduates from the Commercial Course, all of whom are working.

Our great longing is to see these boys and girls brought to a knowledge of God. We have Bible classes for the higher grades. There was quite a bit of prejudice at the beginning, but now all the pupils are interested in the class, and only one left the school on account of it.

Pray that God may bless every means we can possibly use for these boys and girls, and that they may all come to know and love him.

MYRTLE POLLARD, BIBLE AND ENGLISH.

My first complete year on the mission field has given me a real devotion to Mexico and a deep love for the Mexican people.

The study of Spanish still claims a considerable part of my time, but I now read Spanish without difficulty and follow a sermon or conversation. By making careful preparation, I have taken a little part on the programs of the Epworth League and the Woman's Missionary Society.

As no one else was available to give Bible classes in the higher grades, I undertook it until we secured the services of our Mexican pastor. To most of these students the Bible was an absolutely closed book, and it is a great privilege to see their growing interest. Various emergencies have made it necessary for me to work in several different departments of the school; but doing whatever needs to be done is a part of a missionary's work, and these varied experiences are valuable. It was a rare privilege to spend the vacation month with Miss Eldridge in the mountains, boarding in the home of one of my pupils. We were literally immersed in Spanish, as the only other English-speaking person in the village was a Mormon missionary. We came to understand better the community life because we tried to enter into it. It was a joy to work with those earnest, sincere spirits who, with but little help or encouragement, are real Christian leaders.

The year has been full of work, recreation, friendship. It is evident that our Heavenly Father is working here in a very special way, and it is a joy to work not only for him but *with* him here.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, CHIHUAHUA.

LILLIE F. FOX, HEAD RESIDENT.

The first year Centro Cristiano closed with a total enrollment of 495; the second with 560; and the third, 1922, with 991. In spite of all the difficulties, we are growing daily. Our regular departments—English, Spanish, Domestic Science, Kindergarten, Day Nursery, Music, Cutting and Fitting, and Free Clinic for the Poor—have been so full that we could hardly accommodate all the pupils. The playground has rendered a beautiful serv-

ice to our neighborhood children, especially the boys. The Woman's Missionary Society and Men's Bible Class have met with us. A new feature of our work this past year was the Daily Vacation Bible School, with more than one hundred enrolled. The public school children came and studied the Bible without a murmur, and they are largely Catholic children. Their schools opened before ours closed, but they returned to us on Saturdays. It was a wonderful success. Another new feature has been classes for the adults and young people who cannot read or write. We have had about twenty-five in this department. Our evangelistic work is carried on by means of Bible women, two regularly appointed native missionaries, who are home missionaries, and one evangelistic foreign missionary. The results of our work are seen in people brought to Christ. Recently at an altar service in the church, when about twelve were kneeling, eight of them were people who had been first brought to Centro Cristiano and later into the Church.

Our relations with Colegio Palmore and the Church are brotherly, and we work in harmony and unity of purpose.

In all our service we strive for the one thing above all others, that our people may learn to know and love and serve our Lord and Master.

ANNIE M. CRAIG, EVANGELISTIC WORK.

By God's goodness I've been permitted to work another year in his vineyard in Chihuahua, where the friends are as true as any I have. The encouragement that they unconsciously have given has helped me to reach out for greater things in his name. There are many people who come to Centro Cristiano. Some come to play; others for study. It is our purpose to take this opportunity to meet them on a common plane and to tell them of Jesus. We've seen some of these come to a saving knowledge of him during the past year. Our revival meeting opened up a greater vision to many of us. There is a fine spirit among the children on the playground. At their parties before Christmas they had the outdoor games, a program, and refreshments as usual. It was a pleasing sight in the kindergarten room to see a crowd, some dressed in handed-down or worn-out clothes, sitting in a big circle as they listened to the story of our Saviour's birth, which was told with a new meaning to some of them. Some of the needy of Chihuahua too have had a hand of help extended toward them, which is made possible by the sacrifices the women of our Church are making.

LORRAINE BUCK, HOME ECONOMICS.

I have charge of the cooking department of Centro Cristiano. It is just the kind of work that I wanted to do, and I am enjoying it very much. I have not, however, been able to accomplish the things that I want to, on account of my limited knowledge of Spanish. Much of my work has to be done through an interpreter. There are seventy-five in the department. They are divided into eight classes. There are two classes of little girls, three of young women, and three of married women. I can hardly tell which of these classes I enjoy most. All of the cooking classes come in the afternoon. My mornings are spent in studying Spanish, and how glad I will be when I am able to talk!

LAURA V. WRIGHT, DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

On January 25, 1922, I arrived in Chihuahua. I had felt for a long time that I ought to be back in Mexico. I took up the work assigned me in Colegio Palmore as housekeeper, and the following week Miss Massey left for her furlough. One week after Miss Massey left, Senorita Sanchez, who was left in charge as Principal, was taken sick with typhoid fever. While we had nurses for her, I saw to the preparation of her food. After this, two

of the girls in the home were taken sick, and I looked after one of them. When our cook's daughter had pneumonia, for a few days her mother and I looked after her. In the afternoon I supervised the cleaning of ten schoolrooms, so I did not get out to visit last year.

In August I was transferred to Centro Cristiano, doing the same work here. I have made sixty-two visits since the last of September. I am Superintendent of the Cradle Roll of the Sunday school, and up to this time I have fifty-four enrolled. Pray for me and these little ones, that they may all learn to know the Saviour whom I serve.

INSTITUTO MacDONELL, DURANGO.

ELLIE B. TYDINGS, PRINCIPAL.

Instituto MacDonell matriculated from January 1 to December 31 four hundred and sixty pupils, notwithstanding the fact that the priests go from house to house threatening the people who have their children with us and that last August a sermon was preached in the cathedral here telling the people it was their duty to burn MacDonell Institute. We have not had many boarders, as there has been a failure of crops for three years, and money is very scarce. The Knights of Columbus are so active now that we have had to stop reading the Bible in our chapel exercise, which is a great disappointment to the children as well as to us. Professor Andrade, of whose conversion I spoke in my last report, has succeeded in getting many of the most fanatical families to send to us. The Governor is very liberal and brought the State band for the inauguration of our playground, when he himself took part in the games, and for our entertainments in June and December.

Several of the leading educators have spoken to the children in chapel, and have told them there is no other school in the State of Durango that compares with ours. The government has twice made us presents of schoolbooks, pencils, etc., for those who cannot afford to purchase them, and the Americans gave us more than six hundred volumes recently for our library. I am told that our assembly hall is the largest to be found in any of our schools, and yet many have to stand during all of our entertainments. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit may direct in all that is done here, and we are convinced that he is moving mightily upon the hearts of the people. One of our little boys died at the hospital two months ago, and when the priest went to confess him he said: "Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Confessor and has forgiven my sins. I need no one else."

MYRTLE JAMES, ENGLISH.

One year in Mexico! What has the harvest been? As I have visited I have distributed tracts full of the precious message of salvation, spoken in my broken Spanish the thought the kind Father gave me to express to a needy people; I have made as many as eleven visits in one morning. In my special classes are enrolled persons of different degrees of learning and of rank, from the poor, unlearned newspaper seller of the streets to the learned doctor, lawyer, and judge.

One night, with the Bible on my desk, I spoke of its beautiful truths. Then the judge expressed his desire for a "book like that." The doctor told me that he had bought a Bible from our little church which he kept near his bed. By the grace of God we have had a young man to attend our church and his sister to become a member of our Sunday school.

Pray that 1923 will bring such a revival that the fetters will be broken and Mexico will embrace the religion that is her salvation.

COLEGIO PROGRESO, PARRAL.

DORA O'LULA HANNA, PRINCIPAL.

A brand-new missionary on the field, a new home in a new country with no knowledge of the language, and "directora" of Colegio Pregreso! This has been my lot for the last five months. I owe many thanks to the presiding elder and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Thacker, who have been simply indispensable in carrying on the school work. We have an enrollment of one hundred and forty, an increase of thirty-two over the enrollment at this time last year. We had a faculty of four native teachers until Christmas, but were obliged to add another then to meet the needs in the primary department. Mrs. Thacker teaches one-half time, having the Bible instruction in the fourth and fifth grades, and English in the second and third. I have tried to devote my mornings to language study, but have found it very difficult. In the afternoons I teach English classes in the grades. The children are very fond of English, and it is a drawing item in our school. Our first and most imperative need is a new building. The present structure is inadequate, both in size and equipment, to meet the rapidly growing needs. Much of it is in a tumble-down condition, and a part is not fit to use at all. Parral is a needy place that is ripe for the good that can be sown through Christian education. We dare to look into the future and see a new and adequately equipped educational plant that will fit boys and girls to live noble, honest, and upright Christian lives in this great republic.

COLEGIO ROBERTS, SALTILLO.

LEILA ROBERTS, PRINCIPAL.

The outstanding item in the work of 1922 is the completion and occupation of the new building, the erection of which was made possible by the Centenary Movement. It is a piece of architectual beauty, Gothic in style, and completely modern in its adaptation. Competent schoolmen and women declare it to be the best building of its kind in the republic of Mexico. So long had we worked in crowded and poorly equipped quarters that we have not ceased to be amazed at finding ourselves in an up-to-date building, with plenty of room for every department. With a feeling of unfeigned satisfaction we can now conduct our visitors through the well-lighted and well-ventilated halls into the following departments, which are adequately equipped with modern furniture: Normal, Bible, Commercial, Natural Science, Music, Home Economics, English, Primary, and High School. Last June four young ladies graduated from the Bible Department and three from the Commercial. Two of the former are working in Chihuahua, one in Torreon, and one in Piedras Negras. One of the results of of this work in Torreon is the conversion of the chief man and forty-five others on a ranch near by, called California.

Our faculty consists of twenty-six competent instructors, six of whom are Americans and twenty Mexicans. The Technical Director, Prof. Jose Rodriguez Gonzalez, was at one time Principal of the State Normal in this city and later State Superintendent of Instruction in Coahuila. Four of us are missionaries—Misses Edith Park, Emma Eldridge, Virginia Booth, and myself.

Each year, during the week before and including Easter, the Student Volunteers from all parts of our territory meet in Saltillo. Miss Norwood Wynn is their leader. Last April more than one hundred volunteers were present, all of whom were greatly edified. They are the foundation stones of the future Church in Mexico. Were it not for the financial crisis through which the country is passing, even our new building would hardly contain the students who desire to be educated in our college. Many who cannot pay are ashamed to ask for admission free of charge. We are giving free tuition and board to the limit of our possibilities.

VIRGINIA E. BOOTH, BIBLICAL DEPARTMENT.

In June, 1922, the first graduates went out from our Bible and Training Department. They were four excellent young women prepared both intellectually and spiritually for the great work to which they have dedicated their lives. As the privilege had been mine to direct their training, it afforded me great joy to witness their beautiful and impressive consecration service, which took place during the last annual meeting of our Student Volunteer Convention. In October, at the Mexican Annual Conference, they were accepted as regular workers and duly appointed by Bishop Cannon. Already Srtas. Guerra and Rivera have helped in evangelistic work and given temperance lectures and Bible conferences in about a dozen different towns. Because of the numerous demands made on them, it has proved impossible for them to remain at their headquarters to do the intensive work they had mapped out. This reveals how the doors of opportunity are opening and how numbers of trained young women are needed for this kind of work. Hearing of their success in the communities where they have labored, committees from near-by towns have come to request them to visit them and help in temperance and evangelistic work. Already, as the result of their labors, large groups have accepted Christ as their Saviour and as probationers are receiving instruction to prepare them for Church membership.

Srta. Bustamente is rendering devoted and helpful service in assisting Miss Wynn in the Student Volunteer work, and Srta. Reyes is regularly employed in the Centro Cristiano, in Chihuahua, in night classes, visiting, and Bible classes.

The young women now in training in the Bible Department give great promise of becoming useful and consecrated workers. I daily lift my heart in prayer, asking our Heavenly Father to open unto me the good treasures of "his written and living Word," that I may be his means of enriching their lives, that they in their turn may become channels of blessing to the thirsty multitudes about them.

EDITH A. PARK, COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

I have supervised the Commercial Department, though teaching only the classes in stenography. Eighteen young ladies have been enrolled, and three were graduated in June. One of these has been my assistant since September, directing the classes in typewriting and doing secretarial work for the school. Every pupil who finishes this course has a knowledge of the Word of God. I have also taught two Bible classes in the Normal Department and one in the Biblical Department and have continued to relieve Miss Roberts of the bookkeeping, which has grown heavier with the growth of the school.

Besides the pleasure of teaching in our new building, we have also had the joy of worshiping in our new church, which was formally dedicated in the month of October. Our two Bible women have been constant and zealous in their labors and have had great success in interesting new people and bringing them to the Church services. My "Mothers' Class" in Sunday school grew to be so large that it became necessary to divide it into two groups.

Our Woman's Missionary Society has more than doubled its membership and notably increased its collections. It has opened a night school for adults which has prospered beyond their hopes. A number of the members of our Church who could not read their Bibles are enrolled in this school, and now they are able to read a little from God's Word. The two teachers are giving their services, but the Missionary Society meets the incidental expenses of the school. It is my constant prayer that we as workers may meet increased responsibility and enter the open door in the strength of the Lord.

EMMA L. ELDRIDGE, DEPARTMENT OF HOME ECONOMICS.

On September 1, 1922, I came to Colegio Roberts to open up the Home Science Department, and it was my purpose to place the emphasis upon the word *home*. The course has been organized in such a way as to give to all the girls of the third, fourth, and fifth normal grades a one-hour period of theory and a two-hour period of practice each week. As yet we have no one specializing in Home Science, but hope to have next year. These will be given additional training for teaching the subject and for filling such positions as that of matron in our schools and Christian centers. Our aim for all of the girls is to prepare them to be efficient home keepers and mothers. My highest hope for our students is that they shall learn that the gospel of Christ applies to every phase of their lives. The greater part of the material for instruction has to be translated, as almost no writing has been done in Spanish in the field of dietetics; so for each lesson I teach I must make several hours of preparation. Srta. Beatriz Rivera is assisting me in this work, and I find her very competent.

This being my second year on the field, I still continue my language study and am fortunate in again having as my teacher Sra. Guadalupe Villereal de Rodriguez, who was my teacher last year in Chihuahua. The work most recently assigned to me is that of the Cradle Roll in the Sunday school. Thirty-three babies have been enrolled. We hope this will mean that thirty-three children will receive from their infancy teaching which will develop in them the consciousness that they are children of the Heavenly Father and may form in them characters truly like unto him.

INSTITUTO INGLES-ESPANOL, MONTERREY.

DORA L. INGRUM, PRINCIPAL.

It does not seem possible that more than three years have passed since we began our work in Instituto Ingles-Espanol. The third year was a prosperous one and closed with a total enrollment of one hundred and eighty-six pupils, which number was more than double the enrollment in the first school year. Seven young women graduated from the Commercial Department and nine from the primary grades. My duties are so many and varied that I shall not try to enumerate them, since the number of words of this report is limited. Each year, as I know the people better and they understand me, there comes an increasing joy in service. My health record for the past year is the best of my life, and I am convinced that it is due to prayers that are being offered in my behalf. We need more missionaries and a new dormitory. Until we have these, our school is not going to accomplish what it ought for the girls of this city and country.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, MONTERREY.

SARAH E. WARNE, HEAD RESIDENT.

Centro Cristiano, in the second year of its existence, is a recognized institution here. The sign "Centro Cristiano, Educative—Industrial—Social" explains what we stand for and is sufficient to attract the attention of those who are seeking what we have to offer. Among these are people from practically every walk in life. The kindergarten is made up largely of children from good, respectable homes, although the less fortunate are not denied entrance. In the spring many children dropped out, presumably because of the heat and sickness, but it was later reported that the Archbishop had forbidden Catholic parents to send their children to us. It was hard to believe it, but one mother is said to have replied to an inquiry: "When the Church orders, there is nothing to do but to obey."

At the close of the school year we were compelled to move, as the place we were then occupying had been sold. We are now well located, nearer the church than before. Because of the limited space in the church, the

primary classes of the Sunday school and the Juvenile Church meet in the Centro every Sunday morning.

Early in the year a mothers' club was organized with about forty members, and the interest has been good, more names having been added from time to time.

Women of means seem especially interested in the cooking classes. We are sorry this department does not apparently appeal to school children or to the very poor. English is in demand, and this should become a self-supporting department.

One department over which we feel very much encouraged is that of teaching adults to read in order that they may study their Bible for themselves. About fifty have been enrolled. Bible classes are also taught, and our Bible women have done good work in visiting. Our Christmas festivities were the means of drawing nearer to us all who participated in deeper sympathy for our work and with a clearer vision of what Christmas should mean to us all.

ETHEL M'CAUGHAN, HOME ECONOMICS.

My time has been fully occupied with domestic science classes, visiting, and Church work. I have had four cooking classes and one kitchen garden class and have also taught a class in dietetics to the student nurses in our hospital. During our Daily Vacation Bible School I had the classes in handwork and also gave a course in child feeding to mothers in which much interest was shown. As I am Superintendent of the Mission Study Department in our local Missionary Society, and of Social Service in our Conference Society, it takes a good deal of time and thought to prepare programs. Those for the Conference Society are sent to our paper, *La Antorcha Misionera*, for publication. I also help to prepare the programs for our Mothers' Club at the Centro Cristiano. In Sunday school I have a class of girls from twelve to fifteen years of age. As chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of our Church, I try to keep in touch with the new people who attend. We coöperate with the pastor in doing personal work with these and others and in conducting a class of candidates for Church membership.

On Sunday afternoons some of our Student Volunteers conduct neighborhood prayer meetings at Guadalupe, a neighboring village. As we have no means of transportation except on foot, we start right after Sunday school and take our lunch, returning to Monterrey just in time for the evening service. In spite of opposition from the priests, the attendance at our prayer meetings has increased constantly, and we recently had the joy of seeing a little Church organized. Our meetings are held in the very humble home of one of our members, but we now have a piece of property on which a church is to be built in Guadalupe.

HOSPITAL MONTERREY, MONTERREY.

NAOMI CHAPMAN, REGISTERED NURSE.

I have been working ever since I came here, but I don't know what kind of a report you want. When I first came in September I had charge of the nurses for two months. I have been teaching four classes a week to the nurses and interpreting for Dr. Ray in one class a week. I have also given about twenty-five anæsthetics. I have helped both Dr. White and Dr. Ray with their office patients and have helped Dr. Ray in the clinic in the afternoons for about three months. I am busy all day every day. I also go out with the doctors on calls in the homes.

CORNELIA GODBEY, DEACONESS.

Again I am in Mexico after an absence of fourteen years, this time doing evangelistic work in our hospital in Monterrey. I have only six weeks' work to report, not having arrived until November 9 of this year.

I have found the work most interesting, while the people are very receptive. Indeed, their eagerness to have God's Word read and explained to them has been a constant joy to me. One can scarcely count results for so short a time, but the work has been very encouraging and the outlook hopeful.

KOREA MISSION.

HOLSTON INSTITUTE, SONGDO.

LILLIAN NICHOLS, PRINCIPAL.

The year just closed has marked progress in every department of the school. We have had a larger enrollment than ever before, which reached its climax when the twelve hundred and sixth child matriculated. The actual attendance is never as large as the total enrollment. We have added another year in the Primary School making it a six-grade school and giving the same course of study as is given in Japan. This adds to the number of years and, in giving greater thoroughness, will eventually materially add to the course.

The number of students applying to the various schools of primary grade throughout the land was so very large this year that many of them had to be refused admittance, and in many cases half-day schools were established to try to take care of the overflow. We had more here than we could possibly take in and filled up every available room on the compound in order to make the number turned away as small as possible. We are now so crowded that an imperative need is another school for the Primary. If this were situated in a part of the city near one of our churches it would not only care of this extra number of children we have taken in, but would attract many others and serve directly as a feeder to the Church in that section. There is no limit to the number of kindergarten students we could have if we had a suitable building and it were properly supervised.

The year has seen its trials. We were visited by several illnesses in the dormitory, but God graciously spared the lives of these dear little children and prevented the spread of the disease through the dormitory. Had not he supplied the strength we could not have held up under the strain of those days of fumigation and quarantine, but he was wonderfully present and even blessed us at that time.

Another cause for gratitude is the improvement in the payment of fees in the school, this being the case although the fees have been raised all along the line. It is a significant fact that parents are more willing to pay for having their daughters educated than they were in former years. It has never been much trouble to get them to pay for their sons, but when it came to paying for girls it was a different matter. I have never seen so few girls being helped through this school as at present, and now we have more girls than we used to, and they say that as a class the Koreans have only twenty per cent of the wealth of the country in their hands. So you can form for yourselves the meaning and full significance of this forward march of womanhood in Korea.

During the last few years a great desire for English has sprung up all over Korea, and our school is no exception. It is a very popular study, and the students have made splendid progress in it. In the winter term we held a revival, which was led by Mr. Brannan, with splendid results. God met with us and graciously deepened the spiritual life of many of the girls. Our Teachers' Institute was held again this year and was declared by all to be a success. This time we added to the strength of the institute by increasing the number of hours given to religious pedagogy and Sunday School Methods.

Last summer the first Summer Conference for students was held in

Korea. As a result of that meeting a traveling secretary was appointed to visit the schools of higher common school grade. Her object was to create interest in this Y. W. C. A. organization among the schools and to deepen the Christian lives of the students. She said she had visited eight schools before she came to us at Holston, and ours was the only one that far in which she found any students whose avowed purpose was to give their lives in service to God. A too rapid change of customs and an absolute falling away of old traditions that formerly held the young people steady is bringing in an appalling condition of society. Into this maelstrom our girls go forth, and here again we need your prayers that they—sweet, pure, and innocent—may be kept so by the power of God and may be given strength and desire to throw their lives into hastening the reaction which will bring things back to normal, to the day that will see a braver, stronger, finer Korea than we knew of yore.

ALICE McMAKIN, MUSIC AND PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Each week I have six gym classes and six singing classes and my music pupils, which are twenty-five in number. And besides I have two hours each day for language. That amount of work gives me a full schedule, and I work from early until late.

At present we are busy getting ready for commencement exercises the last of March. The graduating class is very busy, I am teaching them their commencement songs. As you know our school year begins in April. We are expecting to have revival services here during the first of April.

I have learned enough Japanese to teach my girls calisthenics in Japanese. I am using the same drills that are used by the Japanese. One reason I do that is to please the Japs. Besides the calisthenic drills I am also teaching games. The girls are now playing volley ball and captain ball. We are planning to have a match volley ball game in May with the Pai Wha girls in Seoul. Miss Lee will teach those girls to play.

How I do enjoy working with these girls. They are so adorable. They take to athletics just like ducks take to water.

MARY HELM SCHOOL.

IDA HANKINS, PRINCIPAL.

This is a school unique in its beginnings, unique in the place it has in the educational system, a school that at once commends itself to one's sympathy as one sees these grown young women who never had a chance when they were children digging away at the alphabet or learning to add two and two. The beautiful thing is that they learn. Those minds, although long dormant, take on new life and strength, and we find graduates of this school ably filling the places of honor in society, in the Church, really becoming factors in the work of making the world a better and brighter place in which to live and work. They take the same course as the Primary School gives, but as these women are older and more mature, they are able to advance more rapidly than the children, and we are hoping that they will be able to cover about the same ground in four years that the children take in six, so that if they wish to they may, on graduation from Mary Helm, enter the Higher Common School or go on into the Bible School.

We added a new dormitory to the equipment last January. It was built to accommodate forty, and before the first days of the new term were over sixty-five had applied for admission. The plant was enlarged again by the purchase of a near-by Korean house, which was fitted up to take care of the overflow. The classroom building now is entirely too small, and we are adding to it hoping to make a complete plant of this very worthy school.

Some years ago, to comply with government regulations, this school became in theory "The Mary Helm Industrial Department of Holston

Institute." In fact, its character was not changed at all. Now again a change in the educational ordinance coming down from the government makes it possible for the school to return in theory as well as fact to its former status of an independent school. So again the school becomes "The Mary Helm School," and it assumes its separate existence.

Our students usually attend the revivals held in the Churches, but this year they were prevented from doing so by a quarantine upon the school caused by a case of scarlet fever in the dormitory of the Higher Common School coming at just that time. It was a severe trial to the girls not to be able to take part in these exercises. Later we had a revival in the school, which was well attended and which was a great blessing to many students. Bible is taught every day in every class, and chapel is held each day. The general condition of the school is good, and we look forward to long years of usefulness for it.

Our chief need will have been met if we can so enlist the interest of the praying people of God at home that they will pray untiringly for this school, which has in it so much of great promise.

SOCIAL-EVANGELISTIC CENTER, SONGDO.

AGNES ELISE GRAHAM, HEAD RESIDENT.

The report of the Woman's Evangelistic Work in the city of Songdo and that of the Songdo Woman's Evangelistic Center is one and the same report. There exists no line of division between the two works. Coöperating with the six Churches of the city, the Center undertakes such lines of work that the individual Churches find impractical. It renders special service to the Churches in providing daily and weekly religious instruction to the women of the Churches suited to their age and ability, in reaching out into untouched fields of the city through attractive social and educative features in the program of the Center.

Upon the erection last May of our Evangelistic Center (one of our first Centenary buildings), built of white stone, electric lighted, steam heated including auditorium, classrooms, music room, sewing room, kitchen, children's play room, offices, library, social room, dispensary the women of Songdo began to manifest an interest in the woman's work hitherto unknown. Old and young, Christian and non-Christian, the educated and the ignorant watched the progress during the months of erection, and in the hearts of all was born the hope that they might have some part in this work which was being planned for the women of their city. Although much talked of throughout the city, some refused to believe that such a building was being erected just for women until the precious word was engraved in plain, readable Chinese characters over the door on the front of the building. Then unbelief gave way to joy, and the hope in their hearts to plans for self-expression never before dreamed possible. So the house was called the "House of High and Noble Aims." The Korean word meaning this was also the name of the old dynasty whose seat of power was in Songdo years ago, so the name is very dear to the residents of Songdo.

As the confidence of these timid women grew, these hopes and dreams were communicated to the workers in charge, and by the time the building was completed a program of work had also been planned. Upon the opening night a pageant was given by the Korean young women of the city showing the different phases of the work to be carried on in the Center, all moving to one goal, the Christianization of the women of the city.

The enrollment in regular classes, day or night, daily or weekly, or semi-weekly, reaches five hundred and fifty-eight. A larger number attend lectures, concerts, social features, etc. Night classes appeal to a large number who are unable to leave home during the day. This line of work reaches many homes where the Christian influence has not yet penetrated.

Young mothers from sixteen to thirty years of age study two hours and a half four nights a week Bible, singing, reading, arithmetic, Chinese, and Japanese. This night instruction, and the social intercourse provided for them at the Center, are absolutely the only contacts or interests they have outside of their homes, and the women are wonderfully taking advantage of the novel experience of forming friendships and are fast learning to form ideas of their own under Christian influences of life and its relations. Within six months forty-one of these girls have become Christians and are now regular attendants of one of the six Churches of Songdo.

The dream for some of these women of the city meant musical instruction. Miss Mary Vic Mauk arrived in Korea just in time to have a few months' study in the Korean language before taking charge of this department. The elevating influence of this department is felt throughout Songdo among the young educated women of the city. Piano lessons, organ lessons, and chorus work is being given. This is the only place in the city where musical instruction can be secured for women and girls not in schools. The first piano to be placed in a Korean home in Songdo was purchased by one of our women soon after beginning work with Miss Mauk. Those studying chorus work take part in the choirs of the Churches of the city.

Bible classes composed of the Christian women of the Churches meet weekly for study. Some of these women are new believers who need special instruction in the way of salvation. Some have been enrolled in weekly Bible classes for years, advancing year by year until they have made a special study of every book in the Bible, others are those who are the Sunday school teachers on Sunday in the city Churches, and so must find their study on another day. Attendance at Bible classes is not compulsory, but ninety-eight per cent of all who take work at the Center are enrolled in Bible classes.

Industrial arts finds a place in our work. Cooking and sewing classes meet the demands of the young housewife wishing to forge ahead into untried fields, and this line of work affords the opportunity of linking up the homes with the Church. Mrs. Weems, Mrs. Deal, and Mrs. Snyder, all of whom are admirably fitted for this phase of the work, take entire charge of this department.

Personal work is the keynote in all of the work of the Center. Women who are of sufficient age to safely do so visit in the homes of the city, reporting results to the Workers' Conference, which meets in the Center, and the names of all new believers are handed to the Bible women of the Church nearest her home. The younger women, though deprived of the privilege of house-to-house visiting because of Korean custom, find a rich field for work in the Center with their associates from day to day.

The work of the Center is endeavoring to reach in some attractive way through instruction in desired lines of special work and through social features the women of every class and to lead them into the Church and build them up in Christian faith.

During the season of united revival work in the Churches the regular night classes of the Center were closed and teachers and students of the Center joined in the work for revival.

The dispensary in the Center, under the direction of the doctors and nurses of Ivey Hospital, will prove another point of contact with the non-Christian and will lead in the public health work in the city.

EVANGELISTIC WORK, SONGDO DISTRICT.

BERTHA A. SMITH, SUPERVISOR.

Last fall the Songdo District was divided into fifteen circuits, in which were one hundred and twenty-six Churches, only one of which had its own separate pastor and Bible woman. During the year the number of Church-

es and groups has increased to one hundred and forty-four, making ten Churches for eight of the fifteen Bible women and nine each for the rest. In many cases the distance between the churches is ten miles or more, and all the itinerating is done *on foot.* The Bible women have also averaged sixty-nine visits per month into the homes, totalling 11,096 visits. The Bible women have led 274 public meetings, and as a result of their work 343 women have decided "to believe." There are 16 adult missionary societies with a membership of 615, an increase of 104 members and four societies. The Bible women's conference was held in Seoul, June 25 to July 6, and our women attended with great profit.

There are fourteen schools for girls in the district, with 403 pupils. These schools are the life of the Church. For the last two years normal classes have been held each summer in Songdo for the teachers. The Bible school was held as usual for three months. Eighty-one women enrolled, and sixty took the final examinations. This Bible School is a school for the general membership of the Church.

The opportunities for work before me this year have been unbounded, and I have tried hard to choose the most important things.

EVANGELISTIC WORK, CHOON CHUN DISTRICT.

PAULINE GLASS RANDLE, SUPERVISOR.

Another year has drawn to a close. Surely more joy than that which has been mine during this past year could not be desired nor could it be crowded into one year. It is wonderful to think how good God is to such creatures as we are. The greater part of the year has been spent in visiting the non-Christian villages with the Centenary preaching band. It is natural for the women in Oriental lands to be slower than men about coming out to a tent meeting, and consequently there are generally a greater number of men than women who decide to accept Christianity. My heart has been filled with gratitude because of the fact that the number of women among the new believers has been great; and in one village there were more women than men. In June I visited a circuit which had been established only the year before—that is, it was made up of new groups. Of course I went to visit the women especially, but the men also came out to the services. That circuit is situated in a beautiful valley, or basin, surrounded by mountans of grandeur. Looking upon the handiwork of God, we are filled with awe; and then we think of the more marvelous manifestation of his power, the transforming of lives of men, and how thankful we are for the privilege of witnessing this transformation in the lives of thousands. We are now looking forward to the pleasure of teaching the Bible women and other women of the district in the Bible School, which will open in a few days. There are many who will have to be turned away because of lack of dormitory. God has wonderfully blessed us, and we praise him for his goodness to us.

ANNIE JUSTICE HANSON, LANGUAGE STUDY AND EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Until my summer vacation my time was given almost entirely to studying the language. After a very pleasant five weeks at Wonsan Beach came our Annual Conference. I went, not knowing what "they" were going to do with me. My appointment read, "To superintend the schools in the Choon Chun District and to supervise the city work in Choon Chun." There are five registered schools and seven keul pangs. We have three teachers in each of three of the registered schools, and two each in the other two. From fifty to sixty is the average attendance in each school. At present we teach only the first four grades. But we plan to add the fifth and in three schools the sixth grades at the opening of the next session, which comes early in April here. The demand is very urgent that we add these grades.

We have only one teacher at a keul pang, and she attempts to teach through the fourth grade. But her work is very difficult for several reasons. In the first place, we can't secure the services of a qualified teacher for the salary we pay, and so have to get along as best we can with the kind we can get. There is a great scarcity of women teachers. In the second place, studying is so new to the Oriental woman. The pupils don't know how to study alone.

In the city we have a night school for women with thirty in regular attendance, bright young women about twenty years old who have not had a chance. Our kindergarten is doing good work. We have about forty enrolled. We have three Bible women, who devote their time to visiting in the homes in the city and near-by villages. We have two organized choir groups and have occasional social gatherings. The need for these is very great. But as yet we haven't gotten to do much. How badly we need a full-time social evangelistic and full-time music teacher.

This has truly been a great year to me, and I anticipate more joy in His service during the coming year.

LUCY CUNINGGIM GIRLS' SCHOOL, WONSAN.

BESSIE OLIVER, PRINCIPAL.

In many ways this past year has been a good one for our educational work in Wonsan.

In April, 1922, permission was given to open the kodong again. There was great rejoicing in many hearts when this was known. Our school is the only one in Wonsan that will be a full kodong, or high school. This being true, we feel that we have even greater opportunities than we would have otherwise. The prospects are very bright.

The kodong being new, we have very few girls this term. The coming year we expect a larger enrollment. All our girls in this school now are Christians. They are interested in Christian service. They teach in our Sunday school, conduct their own Epworth League, Missionary Society, and Y. W. C. A. They also have class prayer meetings each evening before going home. With this spirit among the girls, we expect great things for the school.

Our aim is not to educate only, but to help the girls to realize what it is to be a follower of Jesus Christ and to do all we can with his help to help them to follow him.

The primary grades are full and running over. The same is true in all schools in Korea to-day. The majority of these students come from non-Christian homes. The fact that they send them to us shows they are willing for them to accept Christian teachings. We have Sunday schools in our school building. In this way more children attend church as well as Sunday school, for we take them to church. We have no church building here large enough to accommodate the students of both the boys' and girls' schools and the regular Church Sunday school at the same time. Daily Bible lessons are having their effect, for God's word shall not return into him void.

We are praying for a greater revival in our school, and pray that before the school year is over all our children will have found him who said: "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Our kindergarten babies are dear as can be, and they, too, are learning of Jesus. This year we have organized our parents into a Parents' Association, and from the interest they are taking in their association I am sure they will be of great help to the school. This is their school, and they are anxious to see it succeed. They want a part in it and they want to help carry the load. Miss Buie had the educational work here until she went home on furlough. She has given years of faithful service. To her is due

the credit of the school being what it is to-day. She has had great visions for the school, and to-day some of these are materializing.

God has been with us in the work. The faculty have given good service, without which it would have been impossible to have the school go as it has. They have tried to help in every way possible, making my first work in the school pleasant. The coming year has many good things in store for us. Of course there will be the hard work to do, and the way may not be always bright but He who gave the promise: "Lo, I am with you alway," will be present to help.

JAPAN MISSION.

LAMBUTH TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, BIBLE DEPARTMENT.

ANNIE BELL WILLIAMS, PRINCIPAL.

As far as can be told from available records, the enrollment this year has been the largest that the school has had for some time, if not the largest in its history. Just now there are only twenty-two, but there were twenty-five. Many of the young women are weak when they come, and, barely passing the physical examination, they can not stand up under the strain of the work. When we move to Osaka, conditions will be better and better provisions for building up strong bodies and keeping them well can be made.

When the school committee lengthened the special course to three years, the young women were given the privilege of staying for the extra year, so we did not send out the large class that we had expected in March. One from the regular, three from the special course, and one who had finished the year before were given diplomas. Excepting one who belonged to the Canadians, these young women were immediately appointed to work within our mission territory, and it is a pleasure to report that they are pleasing those with whom they work. Two other young women who could not stay for the extra year, but did not want to receive their diplomas, were also sent out. After this year of service, they hope to come back and expect to graduate next year. A class of eight is preparing for graduation in March.

The school sustained a great loss this year when Bishop Usaki asked that we give up Mr. Saijo, who had been with us six years and had given himself most devotedly to the interests of the school and of the young women out in the field. The Church was too deeply in need to make a refusal possible, even if we had had the right to refuse. We cannot tell in words what we owe to this man of God, but we want him and all our friends to know that we do appreciate him most highly. We are so glad to hear of the blessings that have come to him in his new work with the Church at Fukuoka.

Kwansei Gakuin rallied generously to our aid, lending us three more of its teachers, and the classes were able to go on uninterruptedly; but we need teachers who belong to us, and can give us their time. There is much work that needs to be done outside of the classrooms. We look toward Osaka for relief from all our lacks.

You will be glad to hear that the contractor is about up with his schedule on the new building. The concrete framework is up to the roof, and we can see all over the surrounding neighborhood. We still expect to move in April, and how glad we shall be to have our plans materialize and to be one school in very truth. Our hearts go out in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father and to those in the homeland who have given so generously and who help us all the time with their prayers. May we be faithful servants, true to the wonderful opportunities that are opening out before us!

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT.

MARGARET M. COOK, PRINCIPAL.

The year is closing, a year that has been a good one for our Lambuth in Osaka. This does not mean it has been an easy year, but the difficult things that have come have all seemed linked up with that wonderful promise in Isaiah: "Call upon me and I will show thee great and difficult things which thou hast not known."

As you know the weeks have lengthened into months and the months have gone into the second year and still our Bible Department is held in Kobe because our building plans could not go forward as soon as we had hoped. But our temporary quarters proved adequate for the work of the Normal Department to grow in a most satisfactory way and for the Lambuth Jo Gakuin Kindergarten and Sunday School and Child Welfare Work to become established and appreciated before we were turned out for the old buildings to be torn away to make ready for the new.

The glad word came that the building might start in September, so at the end of the school term in July, house hunting was in order for our family of twenty-seven girls besides teachers, as well as rooms for daily school work. Fortunately six girls and one teacher were already housed in the Poole Girls' School, of the Church of England Mission, for they had kindly taken in our overflow. In April, at the beginning of the new term, our Normal students increased from twenty-one to forty-five, thirty-three of whom were day pupils and our temporary dormitory could crowd in only twenty-seven.

Another sister school opened her doors to our dormitory family, the Wilminia Girls' School, of the Northern Presbyterian Mission. And the West Osaka Church of our Japan Methodist Church gave us the use of the Night School rooms for our school work. True, these two havens are on the opposite sides of this great city of Osaka, and we have to leave early in the morning and return late at night, going on the jammed city street cars. In the meantime our beautiful, well adapted building is going daily toward completion.

A great sorrow came to us in June when our head Japanese teacher, Mr. Sei Murata sickened and, suddenly, almost without warning, was claimed by death. He was the only man giving full time to my department. He filled the chair of education and served as secretary and librarian.

Instead of one man as his successor, a little band of men who were linked up with us in voluntary service to the child welfare work, launched last Christmas, stepped into the breach and our work, under God's blessing, has not only not suffered a back-set but has gone forward.

Another great blow to our work came when the news came back from America that Miss Katharine Hatcher would come to us no more. She was of untold worth to Lambuth in our pioneer days, and I leaned on her and looked forward to the years ahead when she would be the guiding spirit in all our kindergarten work, for which she is preëminently fitted and for which she had already proved herself so equal.

Both home and school are prospering, and we close the year with grateful hearts, looking forward to our united Lambuth from next April in our new building.

SOCIAL-EVANGELISTIC CENTER, OITA.

ANNETTE GIST, HEAD RESIDENT.

We have had a busy year at the "House of Neighborly Love," and not an unfruitful one, either, but it is the events of the past two weeks that have affected us most vitally, and which we feel are the beginning of greater things for Oita and for our work in this city.

The Church here has had the best-planned and most broadly advertised

meeting in the history of Methodism in Japan. Before the meeting began there were a series of preliminary moving pictures and stereopticons to advertise the meeting, also every home in the city was visited, a tract on the fundamentals of Christianity and a program of the coming meetings were left, and a personal invitation to the meeting given. Bishop Boaz was with us and spoke in some of the larger schools and in the city hall on several occasions. There were services at the church morning and night, at which time there was always a strong Christian message given. Besides our good bishop, Dr. R. S. Stewart and two of the leading Japanese pastors were with us, as well as a number of the local evangelists. There were ninety-six who gave their names as probationers. Fourteen of these were baptized during the meeting, and there were twelve more to receive baptism during the next few weeks. God was with us and mightily blessed us, for which we praise him. Two of the women baptized were mothers of children in this kindergarten. Till the present time the feeling among the mothers has been that this is a good kindergarten with the exception that it is a Christian institution. From this time on, with the coöperation of these mothers, and some others who became interested through the meeting, we are expecting to reach the place where the mothers will say that this is a good kindergarten *because it is Christian.*

The influence on our work is immeasurable. Our two non-Christian servants were converted, and now we of the Airin Kwan stand with a solid front to meet whatever may come. Pray for us that 1923 may be the greatest year that the Woman's Council work has ever experienced in Japan.

RUBY VAN HOOSER, ASSISTANT AND LANGUAGE STUDY.

My appointment last year was to Oita for full-time language study, and I am glad to report that the examinations have been taken and the work completed over the second year of the language school course.

Although the time was primarily given over to language study, there was also opportunity and leisure for some little service, and it was this which helped to make my stay in Oita such a happy one. Before Christmas I taught one night a week in the English night school and also helped Miss Whitehead with games in the Girls' Club every Saturday afternoon. After Christmas, eager to have some more practice in using the language, I determined to try to teach a small Sunday school class. On Sunday afternoon, February 19, five little girls who had been picked up here and there met in our living room, and I shall never forget the thrill of teaching that first simple lesson on "God is love." Of course the lesson had first been written out and memorized, but it was at least a beginning. In April I began every Friday afternoon to conduct a Sunday school class for the little girls of the second grade of the primary school just across the street from the plant. The first day sixty came, and the last time we had a lesson together eighty were present. The experience gained from the first small class stood me in good stead then.

Before coming to Japan the conditions in the factories here weighed heavily upon me, and the interest has deepened as there has been opportunity to study several of them at first hand. Going to Oita last fall, finding that at present all the factories there were closed to Christian work, I began to pray definitely that the Lord would open the way, if it were his will, for me to serve in one of them. Months went by, and finally in March, through the help of the pastor, Mr. Murata, we were asked to help put over a new educational program among the fifteen hundred girl employees of one of the largest silk factories in Oita. The company owning this factory has forty-three silk factories in Japan, and offices in many foreign countries. This is a second factory owned by the company in which a more liberal policy regarding holidays, etc., is being pursued, and one of the officials told us that if it worked out successfully in Oita the company may be will-

ing to try it out in other factories also. The place is absolutely wide open for Christian work. Miss Gist, one of the Bible women, and I have given as much time as we could possibly spare to take advantage of the opportunities there, but we have barely touched the fringes of the whole. Many of the girls are interested in Christianity now, and some of the officials also. The factory owners are building an auditorium at present that will seat twenty-five hundred people, and in this building they wish to house the activities that will be carried on among the girls. We are praying that somehow we may be able to do the work that is just waiting to be done.

I am more and more grateful to the Father for letting me serve him in Japan, and my prayer is that I may be more worthy to share in the work of his kingdom here in the Orient.

CHINA MISSION.

McTYEIRE SCHOOL, SHANGHAI.

MARTHA E. PYLE, PRINCIPAL.

At the very opening of the spring term, Rev. D. D. Li spoke to the students twice a day for a week about the deep things of the spirit life. That opening, together with the daily Bible lesson, Sunday service, and midweek meeting, we have faith to believe has been working out results in real heart life. In June twelve more graduates of McTyeire went forth to do their part in the world's work.

The absorbing interest of the year was our new dormitory, Lambuth-Clopton Hall. This new building was occupied according to our proposed schedule, September 12. With that date the boarding department of McTyeire School is found at 1 Edinburg Road. During the summer months, all furnishings were removed from the former site and renovated for use in the new building. It was a huge house cleaning in midsummer, and not a midsummer night's dream by any means. The week of moving proved to be about the hottest on the calendar, but our matron, Mrs. Tsang, who did heroic service at that time, thought we were most fortunate because it did not rain that week, and, viewing the matter from midwinter, I am inclined to believe she was right. The family that has occupied Lambuth Hall this term numbers over three hundred, and is as comfortable, happy, and resourceful in the way of small activities as one is likely to find in any girl's dormitory.

At Hankow Road, "Old McTyeire," the Primary School, still exists in charge of Miss V. P. Sze as principal with her efficient corps of teachers. Too much cannot be said of the splendid work done there, where about two hundred children are under instruction.

The school in the Hongkew section, built up under Miss Waters's able administration, became McTyeire Primary No. 2, with Miss V. M. Nyi, for several years a teacher at Hankow Road, the capable principal. At this school another two hundred children are under instruction. The enrollment of the entire school for 1923 has been six hundred and ninety-five.

After the work was well started in the autumn, our dormitory was dedicated by Bishop Hay. Miss Howell and Judge Charles S. Lobingier of the United States Court for China, gave the principal addresses on this occasion. On that day there was a brilliant assembly of patrons and friends of the school to see the new building and to listen to the speeches.

We start into 1923 with a better chance than ever to build up a womanhood that is healthful, wholesome, and strong in body, mind, and soul.

MARGUERITE H. CLARKE, HISTORY AND BIBLE.

For 1922 my teaching program in McTyeire School has been high school history and senior Bible, which is the life of Christ, with emphasis on his

social teachings. This last class is the most interesting, for in our practical application of Jesus's social principles, we visit in the homes of the near-by village people and have also had a noonday play hour in a factory near us.

This social service work is not confined to the seniors, but is open to volunteers from the eighth grade and high school classes. We have three good Sunday schools, two in the villages and one in the above-mentioned factory. It is interesting work to go around to these on Sunday morning, though I miss a Sunday school class here. One group of students teaches in a village after four o'clock, mostly supplementing the work done by an employed teacher in a half-day school. And this brings me to one of the finest things the girls do. This year they are supporting two half-day free schools in these villages, the schools being taught by Christians.

The students enter so heartily into all of this work that it is a real pleasure to work with them. I have tried to correlate it all under the joint Y. W. C. A. and Missionary Society, of which I am faculty adviser. My work in this capacity, as well as through our independent Church organization out here has given me just the contact with the students which I most love, and so I am enjoying the work very much.

SUSAN B. WILSON SCHOOL, SUNGKIANG.

NELL D. DRAKE, PRINCIPAL.

The year 1922 in the Susan B. Wilson School has been a full year, and yet a very happy one. The school has had a larger student body than ever before in its history, and the spirit among the girls has been unusually fine. Teachers and girls are very much interested in the progress of the school, and welcome with pleasure every forward step. All are eager for a new building, so that we can accommodate more new pupils, as now we have to turn away applicants every term.

During the year we have enlarged the campus in two directions. On the southeast corner of the school we have torn down some old buildings, and this land has been included in our compound. Here the grades have their flower gardens, and there has been much friendly rivalry as to which grade would have the best flower garden. Hard work was done in the spring, with the result that the flowers were lovely. This fall sweet peas have been planted in each garden. On the northeast corner of the property we have this fall bought another small piece of property, which has also been taken into the compound. There is a pretty bamboo grove on this land, and a place also for the kindergarten flower garden.

The Deering-Ramsey Memorial Kindergarten was begun in the spring and completed in time for us to occupy it by the middle of October. It is a joy to all of us, and those in the kindergarten are filled with pride over their new home. It is in the north end of the grounds in a beautiful grove of tress, and we hope in another year to have pretty flowers all about.

Miss Yui, of Shanghai, conducted the spring revival, and was most helpful to the girls. There were six accessions to the Church during the spring, and four girls hope to be baptized in a few weeks. Some of our older girls are very earnest Christians and do a beautiful work among the little children in the school. The older girls' missionary society has begun a little work in a stocking factory near here, while the children's society is trying to do some work among the children of the orphanage and the children of the neighborhood. Interest continues unabated in these two organizations. We hope there will be much enthusiasm among the students over the work to be opened by the Chinese Church in Manchuria a year from now. We hope that you will continue to pray for our school that our girls may be a blessing to their homes and community.

ALMA R. M'LAIN, ENGLISH.

My work has been the same this year as last. The whole day is devoted to teaching English in the grades, and I find the girls much freer in the use of it than last year.

On Sunday afternoons the girls and I go to a Sunday school, where they teach the children from the Orphan's Home and street.

HAYES-WILKINS BIBLE SCHOOL, SUNGKIANG.

NETTIE L. PEACOCK, PRINCIPAL.

As I look back over my first year in the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School my heart is full of praise for His daily presence and help. It has been a year of getting acquainted not only with the teachers and students, but also with the course of study. Then, too, the evangelistic work in connection with McLain Church was quite new to me.

There are twenty-three young women in the school this fall. They are interested and happy in their work, and it is a joy to see them develop as they learn to know more of Him.

We try to give the students as much practical training as possible in their field work. They have work in three Sunday schools, in which there are more than a hundred children. A number of women in the neighborhood are taught the Bible each week. A group of students go with the Bible women to the Purity Home every Sunday and hold meetings and teach the Bible to the women and children in the Home. The juniors help with the meetings for women held in McLain Church every Thursday afternoon. The Missionary Society and Epworth League help to develop them as leaders.

There were four young women in the graduating class this year. Three of these are at work in our Church, and we hear good reports of their work.

SUNGKIANG CITY AND OUTSTATION EVANGELISTIC WORK AND DAY SCHOOLS.

BESS COMBS, DISTRICT EVANGELISTIC WORKER.

This year has been one of growth along many lines, and unto Him do I give all the glory. As I come to the end of the year and look back over the twelve months' work, there is much that gives encouragement and also much that I hope to improve during the coming year. My time has been spent in supervising the work of the six day schools with their nine teachers and the work of the eight Bible women on the Sungkiang District. Perhaps the thing that gives most encouragement and the advance that fills me with greatest joy is the growth and deepening of the spiritual lives of these seventeen women who work with me. For this I cannot praise Him enough. As a result of their growth in the things of the Spirit he has blessed the work of their hands which means a general awakening of the women in the country Churches.

Our institute this fall was the largest and best we have ever held. About one hundred and twenty-five were enrolled, and we are yet feeling the effects and seeing the results of those days of meetings together. The work of the Missionary Society continues to grow both in the local work and in the foreign, which means the province of Yunnan and Africa, seems ever on the increase, and these Societies are a great factor in developing leadership in the country Churches.

The enrollment of the five primary day schools under my supervision has been about one hundred and fifty this past year. The nine teachers are all graduates of either Susan B. Wilson School or Davidson Memorial School. These girls are all interested in the work of the local Church and

assist the Bible women in their evangelistic work and are helpful in the work of the local Missionary Society.

VIRGINIA SCHOOL, HUCHOW.

SUE E. STANFORD, PRINCIPAL.

During the year 1922 two hundred and seventy-seven pupils have been enrolled. This is an increase of fifty-eight per cent over 1920. It is most gratifying to us that eighty-two per cent of these pupils are from the Chekiang Province and forty-nine per cent from Huchow. The city patronage that we have so long desired is increasing every term, and we have an opportunity to make friends with the people and to do social evangelistic work in the homes. We have not been able this year to take advantages of these opportunities as we have wanted to because of the lack of workers.

The large increase in pupils has been distributed in all grades, so that we have been able to assimilate them and to keep a strong Christian spirit in the school. Of the students above primary grade seventy-four per cent are Christians and forty-four per cent are members of the Church. Of the total enrollment, forty per cent are from homes where one or both parents are Christian.

Through the various student organizations the high school girls have developed leadership and ability to organize. The Student Self-Government Association is taking more responsibility, and the leaders are getting valuable training. The Y. W. C. A. has been very active this year. They sent two delegates to the World's Christian Student Federation in Peking, paying all of their expenses. One interesting activity of the association has been a night school for the servants in the compound. They have given an hour every evening to the school and have had classes in Chinese, arithmetic, English, and singing.

With Miss Smith's coming the music department is thriving again, after many months without a foreign teacher. Mrs. Pilley very kindly and generously offered her services for the spring, but because of sickness she was not able to carry on the work. While we were not using all the pianos we were able to put them in repair and get them ready for this fall, so that the department is well equipped.

Our primary department is better organized now, and we feel that we are building on a solid foundation. We have been able to get teachers well prepared for this work, and these grades are growing rapidly.

All available space is being used this year, and we are not able to carry on the work as efficiently as we would like to in such crowded buildings. We have made plans for our new classroom building and are hoping by the end of another year to have it completed.

MARY LOU WHITE, MATHEMATICS.

Theoretically, my department in Virginia School is mathematics; practically, it is gap filling, and for the present year at least three-fourths of my teaching has been in other subjects than mathematics.

The most interesting work in English was the dramatization and public presentation of Enoch Arden by the eighth grade. In a supplementary English reading course in history the same grade prepared a chart of Chinese history, noting important contemporaneous characters and events of biblical and other history as studied. Further additions to the chart are now being made by a reading class in Japanese history.

Enthusiastic work is being done by a high school class in practical physics. Locks, doorknobs, clocks, adjustable office chairs, sewing machines, pumps,and other everday appliances are being studied. Members of the community are being pressed into service for this course. Mr.

Pilley lectured to the class on the salvaging by divers of a boatload of mission building material; Mr. Sone, formerly in the air service, has promised a lecture on aviation; and the engineers now erecting the reënforced concrete hospital building have been more than kind in explaining the machinery used. A practical problem has been assigned in placing the hospital night lights. The light plant and the deep-well machinery are at hand for further study.

The Bible teaching problem is threefold: to interest children from heathen homes; to lead the children of Christian parents into a personal knowledge of God; and to win for Christ the older non-Christian new students. These thoughtful older girls take interest in the Bible as literature and ethics, but are frankly amused at miracle stories and critical of many Bible statements. My aim in teaching is so to present Christ that they will be drawn to him rather than sidetracked by these seeming difficulties.

MITTIE J. SHELTON, HOME ECONOMICS.

The work in the Home Economics Department has been carried on in the four high school classes and the last year preparatory. In the other classes the sewing classes have been conducted as before. Two classes have been started in Chinese in the lower preparatory grades. This gives some Home Economics and Hygiene teaching to the large numbers of older girls who are not far enough advanced to take the work in English. We are hampered by the lack of suitable books in Chinese, but books are being translated and we hope to have better ones in the future.

In addition to the Home Economics classes I have taught some in mathematics, English, science and Bible.

The day school work shows progress. At the North Gate (or Virginia School Primary No. 1,) and at the I-Zaung-Ka (or Primary No. 2) we have been crowded for room. In both schools we have started a first grade room and separated the little ones from the other children. In this room they can have regular first grade work and in addition some kindergarten games and songs. The pupils graduating from both schools entered Virginia School in the fall. We feel that more and more as the children become acquainted with the main school these schools will act as feeders to Virginia School.

MARY BLACKFORD, HISTORY AND CIVICS.

A report for the present year means a report of beginnings and projected plans rather than of work accomplished. My study in history and civics during furlough was very valuable in suggestions for introducing additional courses in social science throughout the curriculum of Virginia School. The lack of Christian citizenship is, perhaps, China's greatest point of weakness, and until students realize and recognize existing conditions little can be done in finding solutions for her problems. I am looking forward with great interest to two courses in Community Life and Problems which are to be given this next semester and am earnestly hoping that this study will direct the already awakened patriotism of these girls.

My daily Bible class, which is a Sunday school teacher training class, became very interested in the problem of the younger children in the Church and, as a result, are now conducting a Junior Church with the primary girls of the Virginia School. The members of the class are much interested in the project and are much impressed with the possibilities of such an undertaking.

This term I have been the faculty adviser of the Young Women's Christian Association. This, too, is an office which I have never filled before, but I am enjoying greatly the contact which it brings with the girls.

During the absence of the regular school social worker I have been giving some time each week to visiting in the homes of our patrons. This semester there is a large increase in the number of Huchow pupils, so there are

many new families with whom to get acquainted. Each of the primary grades has had an "At Home" day for the mothers, which has helped greatly in fostering a friendly spirit.

SARAH G. BRINKLEY, HISTORY AND ENGLISH.

During the spring term of 1923 I taught five classes: One in New Testament, two in European history, one in American history, and one in English. I also taught a Sunday school class composed of the sophomores, juniors, and seniors of Virginia school. In this class we studied Old Testament prophecy and some of the prophets.

When Miss MacKinnon returned to America in March, 1923, I was elected to serve on the Virginia School library committee in her place. This committee consists of two Chinese members of the faculty and one foreign member. One of the students is librarian. When Miss Blackford returned to China this fall she brought seventy volumes for the library.

This term I am teaching six classes: One in Old Testament, one in European history, one in American history, and three in English.

CITY EVANGELISTIC WORK, I-ZAUNG-KA, HUCHOW.

JESSIE BLOODWORTH.

Last year my whole time was given to language study, with the exception of one English class a day at the Laura Haygood Normal School. This year I am studying half time.

The first of September I came to Huchow to work at I-Zaung-Ka, where there is to be an Institutional Church as soon as the land can be secured.

My chief difficulty was finding a place to begin work with the women, since there was only a small street chapel, which was overflowing with a boys' day school.

Finally I have secured a Chinese house, which we have fixed up as a center for the woman's work.

On the first floor we have a girls' day school consisting of fifty-six pupils, and on the second floor we have fixed up two rooms for the women.

At present we have a mothers' club twice a month on Saturday afternoons. At the same time we have a story hour and games for the children in another part of the building. The mothers' meeting has met only twice, with an attendance of forty and sixteen.

We are opening an afternoon school two afternoons each week for the women who want to study. They will study Chinese characters, simple arithmetic, hygiene, Bible, and handwork. We are opening the school this week.

There is a weekly religious meeting conducted by the Bible women. Sixteen women belong to this meeting and there is an average attendance of ten.

Now I am beginning to feel like we really have something started. I feel like a real pioneer.

Our opportunity is unlimited in the heart of this conservative, idolatrous old city.

SOOCHOW DISTRICT, EVANGELISTIC WORK.

VIRGINIA M. ATKINSON, SUPERVISER.

"Outstation Work" in the Soochow District means two day schools in Changshu city, one in Bakmau, and evangelistic work among women and girls in these two places.

In Changshu the older school is situated near the North Gate, where our only Church is at present. For three years this school was in a large, well built Chinese house, but we could only rent it until China New Year of this year. So it was necessary to find a house and move at the opening

of the spring term. A very inferior house was found in a situation not at all suitable for the school. The consequence was that the girls went to other schools, and of the almost ninety which we claimed last fall only about sixty came back in the spring. Four girls graduated from the seventh grade of this school in June, and two of them came to Davidson for further study. They are both bright Christian girls.

The school at South Gate is getting along better than the one at North Gate, as the community is a very crowded one. There is no other girls' school near there, so we can control the situation to a certain extent for the present. The enrollment during the year has reached ninety, and the class of girls reached by this school is a most desirable one.

The greatest need of these two schools is more constant supervision by the foreign missionary. However, the work done is good, and I consider that, all things considered, the schools are meeting a real need for Christian education.

The woman's evangelistic work during the spring of this year gave us much pleasure. The meetings were well attended, and almost every time I went up and held a meeting there were new women to come forward and testify to the peace which had come to them when they found the true God. Idols were brought and given up in public, and strings of beads used in worship were turned over to me as a proof that they were breaking off with the false and turning to the true. Since the spring, however, Satan has found a place of entrance to the hearts of two of our members, a husband and a wife, and we have lost them and may lose others because of them, though it seems that so far the only following they have is a few undesirables.

The Bible women, of whom there are five, including assistants, are doing splendid work. The leader among them is Miss Dau, who has been called my secretary all the time, but who has given herself unreservedly to the development of the schools and work among the women. Nothing is ever too hard for her to undertake, and she is never too tired to continue in what she is doing, night or day, if anyone is to be helped by her efforts. She really seems not to consider herself at all. The District Conference this spring granted her a local preacher's license, and she has been taking her place, meeting a country appointment along with the other preachers. We are to lose her next June because of matrimonial reasons, and we do not know how her place is going to be filled.

The other day school on this circuit is at Bakmau, about eight miles, or five hours by house boat, from Changshu. This is a real country place, and it has been hard to keep up a school for girls that is worthy of the name. However, the gentry there have rallied to the school during the last year, and the enrollment has increased from seventeen to forty. The work among the women at Bakmau is encouraging, and the Woman's Missionary Society there is more flourishing than it is in Changshu.

Statistical Report for Changshu Circuit.

Day schools	3
Teachers	12½
Pupils	223
Bible women and assistants	5
Woman's Missionary Societies	2
Members of Woman's Missionary Societies	62

DAVIDSON SCHOOL, SOOCHOW.

VIRGINIA M. ATKINSON, PRINCIPAL.

The beginning of this year found Mrs. Henderson, Miss Steger, Miss McKnight, and myself each giving about half of our time to Davidson

School. Mrs. Henderson was teaching something more than half of her time. Miss Steger was teaching Bible in the afternoon and Miss McKnight. who was borrowed for the year from the Laura Haygood Normal, was teaching and studying the language. Mrs. Henderson and Miss Sung, one of Davidson's alumnæ, were visiting homes and holding club meetings the other half of their time. I could only give a portion of my time to Davidson, since there was another appointment and many other matters that could not be neglected. Besides the above-mentioned foreigners, there were nine Chinese teachers, including our matron and efficient business manager, Mrs. Tsiang.

When we opened up after the Chinese New Year vacation there were so many new pupils that teachers and desks were all too few, and we had to bring down the tables from the bed rooms for desks. We had not had such an unexptected increase before in our history, and, though we were embarassed for a time on account of the lack of equipment for so many, we, of course, were gratified at this new manifestation of the confidence of the Chinese in our school, so we soon found a way to get them seated and taught. That experience taught us a lesson, and so during the summer vacation preparations were made for receiving a large number of new students, and we were not disappointed, for there were more than eighty new ones to enter. Those who came new in the spring were mostly small children and were put into the lower primary, but those coming in the autumn have been put into the higher classes. This increase makes our present enrollment the largest we have ever had. The boarding department is as full as we can have it, and we can receive only a very few more in any of the grade rooms.

During the spring term an urgent call came from Miss Cook, in Japan, for Mrs. Henderson to go over and help in her new work in Osaka for the next year. We realized our own need, also the fact that Mrs. Henderson just fitted into our niche, and we felt how hard it would be for us to give her up with no one in view to do what she was doing.

However, word came to us just at the right moment and in answer to prayer that there was a Miss Allen in Osaka who had finished a piece of work there that the Y. W. C. A. had engaged her to do, and that she could remain longer in the Orient if necessary, and that she would like to spend that year in China. So our need and the woman who could fill it were brought together in an almost miraculous way, and now Miss Allen is with us, and we could not be better pleased that we are with her spirit and preparation for this kind of work. We thank God and take courage for the future. Miss McKnight has been returned to the normal and Miss Knobles, who has had a year in Language School and whose appointment had always been to Davidson, is with us and is filling her place so beautifully and naturally that it seems like she has always been here.

The graduating class this year was small. One failed to pass, and there were only eight in all, so only seven received eighth grade certificates this time. Three of them went to McTyeire High School this fall, and one to the Haygood Normal School, one is assisting in the kindergarten here, and one has gone into business in Shangahi. Davidson has a large number of representatives out in the field trying to help as they may their country by teaching the children and by preparing themselves for better work in the higher institutions.

It will be remembered that a year and a half ago we opened up our "Annex" for older students, married or single, who had not had opportunities for studying when they were younger. A great many have availed themselves of this chance to get something of an education. The Annex is flourishing, and while it brings in an entirely new class of students who are harder to manage and to satisfy, they come from good families mostly, and many of them are making splendid progress. Our school is a much simpler problem without them, but we are glad we can give them a chance,

for many of them are most appreciative. This class has made it cost more to run the school, since they are hard to classify and require more teachers to give them what they want than any orginary grade in the school. However, they are proving to be hard students, and many of their lives, if written, would be most interesting. Their need is great, and we are glad of the privilege of having a part in developing some of them and believe that there is a large place of service for them in their homes and in the reconstructed society of our "New China."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF DAVIDSON SCHOOL.

Foreign teacher, whole time	1
Foreign teachers, half time or less	3
Chinese teachers	8
Matron and business manager	1
Nurse	1
Kindergarten teacher	1
Kindergarten assistants	2
Kindergarten children	52
Students in school proper	238
Whole number enrolled	290
School Missionary Society	1
School Missionary Society members	42
Junior Epworth League	1
Junior Epworth League members	117
Young Woman's Christian Association	1
Young Woman's Christian Association members	120

LOUISE LILLIAN KNOBLES, ENGLISH.

During my first year in China my time was devoted to language study. I lived in the Laura Haygood Normal School, and the contact with the teachers and students there was a source of help and joy to me.

Last September I came to Davidson Girls' School. In the mornings I study Chinese, and in the afternoons I teach and also visit the lower primary grades. While my visits have not meant much in the way of help to the teachers so far, I feel that I have found out some of their problems, and, more than anything else, have learned to greatly appreciate them and their efforts. As for the children, words cannot express their attractiveness.

Of course it is needless to say that all my classes are English classes. The most interesting class I teach is composed of young women in the Annex Department. They are just beginners in English and are so eager and enthusiastic that they fairly pounce upon and devour every new expression I give them.

It certainly is a privilege to begin work with a sure enough pioneer like Miss Atkinson. It is also a wonderful privilege to be here. I wish every one of you could come and see something of our opportunity for yourselves.

ATKINSON ACADEMY, SOOCHOW.

MARY MINOR TARRANT, PRINCIPAL.

Atkinson Academy! In Chinese, *Tsung Sung Tsong Yoh* ("The Voice of Progress Middle School"). Eight years ago, as you know, our Chinese friends and former students started a movement to buy land for a building to accommodate our school. After many difficulties and much waiting, the land was bought, and this spring the building, the gift of the Council, was finished.

On June 17, the opening exercises were held, and many of our former students came from Shanghai and Nanking to rejoice with us in the new building named for her who gave her early years to faithful and self-

sacrificing service for the boys and young men of Soochow. The name is taken from her Christian name, which means "Golden Voice of Progress," and the voice of Miss Atkinson has through all the years been a golden voice calling the students to walk in the way of Christian progress.

Our new building attracted many new boys, and this fall we started with nearly one hundred new names on our roll. We have had to leave eighty little boys of the lower primary grades in the old Chinese house, for the new building is not large enought to take them in with the older boys.

Sixty-one of our boys are Christians, and many more would join the Church if their parents would consent. The older Christian boys teach classes in the Sunday school.

We have been most happy this fall to have Bishop and Mrs. Hay, Miss Howell, and Dr. Pinson visit us. The Bishop and Mrs. Hay were with us in November and honored us by having their picture taken with our whole school. On December 9, the bishop dedicated the building, and Miss Howell and Dr. Pinson gave inspiring messages to our teachers and students.

MOKA GARDEN EMBROIDERY MISSION, SOOCHOW.

MRS. JULIA A. GAITHER, EVANGELISTIC WORKER.

Having returned from America on the 26th of last August, I will be expected to make only a short report. I had a very pleasant company on the boat, for our dear Miss Howell was with us as far as Japan.

It is difficult to express all it meant to me to be in my homeland again with my loved ones. Also it is so precious to meet the ladies in the Missionary Societies and to hear preaching in my own native tongue. For this I am very thankful.

I am delighted with my appointment to Soochow. I lived here about twenty-one years ago, and I understand this difficult dialect as well as I do any other. It is a joy to be associated with dear Miss Burkhead in the work. She is so wholly the Lord's. The Embroidery Mission is a beautiful work. It is such a fine hook to catch these women for Christ. I teach five classes in the morning and do evangelistic work in the afternoon. It is such an opportunity to know these women in their home life.

I am very glad and thankful to be back in China again. It is such a privilege to have a part in this blessed work. Pray for me. I am sure you will. I do so want power with souls.

KONG HONG INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH, SOOCHOW.

MAGGIE J. ROGERS, MARIA L. GIBSON SETTLEMENT.

The Maria L. Gibson Settlement of the Woman's Department of the work is connected with the Kong Hong Institutional Church, Central Soochow. The work is divided into Woman's Evangelistic Work, Social Service Department, and Girls' Day School and Kindergarten. The force of workers has consisted of two missionaries, four Bible women, two special workers, four day school teachers, and two kindergarten teachers. The activities held weekly are women's meetings. cottage meetings, Bible classes, girls' club, children's meetings, Sunday school, and girls' Epworth League. The activities held monthly have been the Woman's Missionary Society and Junior Missionary Society. The Woman's Missionary Society in the Social Service Department conducts a girls' free school with an enrollment of thirty pupils.

During the fall term there were one hundred and seventeen girls enrolled in the school, and in the kindergarten fifty-seven. There were six to graduate from the school and fiftten from the kindergarten. Two women were received into the Church and fifteen have become probationers.

NINA M. STALLINGS, SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Returning from furlough in September, 1921, I began social evangelistic work for women at the Kong Hong Center. The work had developed very rapidly, and the interest in every phase is much greater than we had expected after one year's work; but even then the development has been only half what it might have been had we had a place to work and the workers to meet the need. We are continuously embarrassed by our lack of space and the shortage of workers.

We have put the greatest emphasis on daily visitation in the homes of our community, getting acquainted with their needs so that we might the more wisely plan our program to meet them. There has been a weekly woman's club in which there has been some class work. The hygiene and health programs have been extremely popular and well attended, as well as the "community gatherings."

The Baby Welfare Campaign, held in February, was an eye opener. When from two hundred and fifty to three hundred women came for three consecutive days we realized that the mothers are asking for better things for their children.

We had our first Daily Vacation Bible School for girls in this center this summer. Miss Tsu Tsung Pau was in charge and was ably assisted by five volunteer workers. Two clubs for girls were continued through the vacation.

In beginning the work this fall we are trying to conserve the best of last year's work, and are looking forward to the enlargements that will be possible when we are able to go into the new church.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Visits made for the department	600
Young Woman's Club, average attendance	8
Mothers' Clubs, average attendance	45
Baby Welfare Campaign, average attendance daily	250
Babies registered	41
Daily Vacation Bible School	1
Volunteer workers	5
Enrollment	50
Average attendance	40
English club	6
Girls Vacation Club, average attendance	25

LAURA HAYGOOD NORMAL, SOOCHOW.

LOUISE ROBINSON, PRINCIPAL.

The survey prepared by the China Continuation Committee notes the astonishing fact that out of the one hundred and thirty-five missionary societies working in China, only thirty spend any money for the definite work of training teachers. We are very grateful that there have been women in our Church who long ago realized the importance of having trained teachers and who, first in a kindergarten training school and later in the Laura Haygood Normal School, made it possible for young women to go out better prepared to teach. Perhaps the scarcity of such schools is shown by the fact that we have trained or are training young women for the following Churches: The Presbyterian Church, North and South; the Baptist Church, North, South, and Seventh Day; the Episcopalian Church; the Quakers; the Woman's Union; the Methodist Church, North as well as for our own Church.

We have an enrollment of 324, including 82 kindergarten children. Our faculty consists of 22 members, Chinese and American, men and women,

young and old. There is a fine spirit of coöperation which makes joyful service possible.

There have been two great gatherings in China this past year which have had great influence on our work. In April the World's Student Christian Federation met in Peking. We sent two delegates. The nations of the world were represented, and we had the pleasure of entertianing a large number of these men and women as they came to our schools later on. In May the National Christian Conference was held in Shanghai, and we were kept in close touch with it by our delegates. One thing was evident, that is that Chinese men and women are ready for leadership and are worthy of the highest responsibility and trust.

The large part given to Chinese women in shaping New China makes us mindful of the significance of our work. Pray that we may be faithful to our great opportunity.

KATE B. HACKNEY, KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT.

Most of my time from January to June was spent on the language, but since September I have been doing my regular work.

In the two kindergartens we have about eighty children and eighteen students who are taking special training for this work. We have had students in the department from many provinces in China, and this makes a great problem because of the difference in dialect. It is very hard for the students to understand the teachers, and also very difficult for the kindergarten children to understand the student teachers; but the students continue to come to us for training, even though the language is such a problem. There is only one other Christian kindergarten training school in this part of China, so our school is patronized by all the other mission schools as well as by the government schools.

Dr. and Mrs. Park are still helping a great deal in keeping up the kindergarten for the well-to-do children. During the past year Dr. Park has received over $600 from old patients and friends here in China and from friends at home. This money has been used for building a new bathroom, a new summer house, repairs on kindergarten building, etc., and for medicine for the children, salary for a home visitor, and help toward Christmas celebration, and many other things making for the welfare of the kindergarten

All our children have a physical examination on entering school, and their health is carefully looked after by Dr. Li, our school doctor.

One new feature this year is our new bathroom, the money for which was given by a relative of Dr. Park. We hope this bathroom in the near future will minister not only to the good of the kindergarten, but that it will become a community institution.

I count it a privilege to be allowed to have a part in bringing to these children the message of a kind, loving Heavenly Father's care for them in this land where so many of the children know nothing of him and where their only knowledge of any God is one of fear and superstition.

ANNIE E. BRADSHAW, PSYCHOLOGY.

The two halves of the year that I am to report are very different. Last year I still had charge of the higher primary, and, in addition to teaching, both in this department and in the normal school, I was devoting most of my energies to educational measurements in connection with the supervision of these grades, and to training the senior class to make these measurements in the lower primary. Several tests prepared in China were available, as well as those in various subjects obtained from America. I had already done a little of this work in connection with the Provincial Association of Normal Schools and was glad of increased opportunity to go ahead with it.

This fall the inclusion of the fifth and sixth grades with the primary according to the six-three-three system relieved me of supervision of the higher primary and enabled me to give full time to teaching in the normal school. Two classes in psychology, since they must be prepared from Chinese books, really occupy most of the day, though the teaching of English classes, in which all have to share, is no small item. The classification of students still renders imperative the need for educational measurements. I am looking forward to special work along this line in the spring term, and still more to study of the problem during my furlough year.

NINA W. TROY, MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

First Picture.

It is the evening of the Mission meeting, and the chapel of the Laura Haygood Normal is filled with members of our China Mission. In the audience, as honored guests, are Bishop and Mrs. Hay, Dr. and Mrs. Pinson, and Miss Mabel K. Howell. On the stage sits the chorus, boys from the Soochow University and girls from the Laura Haygood Normal, who form the St. John's Church choir.

At seven-thirty all stand and together sing the national anthem of China. The chorus then renders a thirty-minute program consisting of sacred and secular numbers, and those who planned and worked out this program felt well repaid for the hours spent in practicing.

Second Picture.

'Tis a spring evening, and the long heavy benches of the chapel have been replaced by wicker chairs and settees, rugs are scattered here and there, and flowers on stands and piano add beauty. All is in readiness for the first social gathering, the first "party" of the St. John's choir.

The games planned are all entered into with great enthusiasm by the seventy-five boys and girls, who gather at seven-thirty, but the climax of enjoyment seems to be reached when the "men" take their places in the large checker board marked on the floor and the leaders, with long wands, direct in a game of "Living Checkers," Soochow University *versus* Laura Haygood. The excitement runs high when the only remaining "men" are three tall kings, crowned with the university colors of red and black, and two rather timid queens, crowned with Laura Haygood's gold and crimson.

Third Picture.

Time: Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. In the Y. M. C. A. auditorium are gathered one hundred and thirty girls and boys, men and women, from the university, normal schools, high schools, both Christian and non-Christian, and other musical organized bodies of the city. Our community and schools are represented by the St. John's Church choir. This group forms the Municipal Chorus, the latest step in our effort to unify the communities, the schools, and the Churches of Soochow through the common interest in and love of music.

The "sing" lasts for an hour, and all voices seem to join in with equal enthusiasm and ease, whether the leader calls for the Chinese national anthem or some of the familiar folk songs of America and other countries.

ALICE ALSOP, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION.

Last year the first four grades of our Demonstration School were moved into the old Mary Black Hospital buildings. This year six grades are housed there. This has relieved, to some extent, the congestion of our main building and is looking forward to the adoption of the six-three-three

plan by the Chinese schools. It was voted at our Mission meeting that our Mission schools should lead in this movement.

We have 120 children and six grade teachers. Miss Raffo has done splendid work in the primary school and is missed very much. Since she is at Teacher's College getting ready for even better work, we are doing our best to carry on until her return.

In Miss Raffo's absence, Miss Yui is at the head of the Demonstration School. She has taken hold of the work in her characteristically enthusiastic manner.

By means of little bamboo chairs, the playroom serves also as a chapel. In fact, we have the earmarks of a real school. In the community we are known as Little Laura Haygood School.

I cannot tell you how I love these little bundles of clothes (such they literally are, now that it is cold weather) with their quaint faces and pleasant greetings.

In addition to participation in the work of the Demonstration School, I have my regular classroom work. This year, for the first time, I am teaching a class in Bible in Chinese. Language study continues to come in as a pressing duty. This year the emphasis is different. Until this year I have felt that I had two distinct tasks: studying Chinese and teaching my classes. This year my classes comprise my work and Chinese must come in as it is related to them. Teaching a Bible class in Chinese furnished a sufficient motive for quite a bit of effort.

With this new attitude there is a growing feeling of the bigness and worth-whileness of our work and a great desire to measure up to the opportunities at hand.

FLOSS M'KNIGHT, HOME ECONOMICS.

Two years in China. How time flies! My first year was spent in Language School, my second in the English Department of Davidson School, and now, at the beginning of my third year, I am at Laura Haygood Normal in the Home Economics Department.

Partly because I understand Chinese foods so little and partly because at the present time there is no great demand for such, I have not started any cooking classes. I hope that a course in dietetics may be offered in the near future.

I have two classes in drawing, and I am finding the girls to be such experts that I do little more than guide them. One class in sewing is taught by my assistant, a most capable Chinese teacher. My class in sewing also has work in textiles, laundry, etc. My class in handwork is specializing in work suitable for kindergarten and grade teachers. The class which comes nearest my heart and, as I see it, is most needed is the one in Sanitation and Hygiene. Here I am planning to work from personal hygiene to home, city, and national sanitation. We plan to visit factories, homes, and such other places in the city as will give us an opportunity to see conditions as they are. Now and then we have the doctors and nurses of Soochow Hospital give us lectures. Should you visit us now, you could see the sewing classes making baby clothes and later you could see our sanitation class begin work in infant hygiene.

There is so much to be done and the work is so new that it is difficult to describe it. However we have many plans for the future, and we hope that we will be able to do just the work along this line that is most needed in China.

Portions of the Constitution, Board of Missions, M. E. Church South, that Bear on the Woman's Work.

¶471.* ARTICLE I. The missionary operations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, formerly administered under the Board of Missions, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Mission Society, shall hereafter be administered by a Board of Missions, which shall have charge of all foreign missions of the Church and of such missions in the home fields as are not provided for by the Annual Conferences. The Board shall carry on its operations under three departments—namely, Foreign Work, Home Work, and Woman's Work.

Personnel.

¶472. ART. II. The Board shall consist of a President, a Vice President, two administrative Secretaries for the General Foreign Work, two for the General Home Work, and four for Woman's Work; one or more Secretaries of Home Cultivation for each Department; a Candidate Secretary for each Department; a Treasurer for the General Department; a Treasurer for Woman's Work; thirty-eight Managers, one from each Annual Conference in the United States, of whom twelve shall be preachers, twenty-six lay members, fourteen of whom shall be women; the effective bishops; five members at large; the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension; the Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities; the President of the Woman's Missionary Council; the Sunday School Editor; the General Secretary of the Epworth League Board; the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*. The Secretaries and Treasurer of the Department of Woman's Work shall be women. *Provided*, that the Secretaries and the Treasurer shall not have the right to vote on their recommendations nor with reference to their activities. The Board shall be elected quadrennially as follows: The President, Vice President, and thirty-eight Managers by the General Conference on nomination of the Committee on Missions, who shall have as a basis of choice one preacher, one layman, and one woman from each Conference, the men on nomination of the Annual Conference and the women on nomination of the Conference Woman's Missionary Societies. The five members at large shall be elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Committee on Missions, and shall be chosen for their fitness and proximity of residence to the headquarters of the Board. The administrative Secretaries, both men and women, shall be elected by ballot by the General Conference at the time of the election of other connectional officers. The Home Cultivation and Candidate Secretaries and Treasurers shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board, the women on nomination of the Woman's Missionary Council, and the men on nomination of the department in which they shall work. The Board shall have authority to fill all vacancies that may occur in the interim between the sessions of the General Conference. The officers and members shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

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*Paragraph numbers refer to the Discipline.—EDITOR.

Secretarial Conference.

¶475. ART. V. The Secretaries of the Board shall constitute a Secretarial Conference, which shall meet monthly to consider the interests under their care and to discuss questions of general policy for all the departments of the Board. The Conference shall elect annually its own Chairman and Secretary.

Department of Woman's Work.

¶478. ART. VIII. The Department of Woman's Work shall administer the missionary work of the Church in the United States and in foreign fields, primarily for women and children, formerly administered by the Board of Missions, Woman's Work, and the Woman's Missionary Council. This department shall consist of the women members of the Board and the Secretaries of the Department of Woman's Work, who shall constitute a standing committee of the Board. The department shall develop plans and policies to be put into effect through the action of the Board. The department shall conduct its work in two sections—namely, the Section of Home Work and the Section of Foreign Work.

Foreign Section.

(a) The Section of Foreign Missions, Woman's Work, shall administer the work primarily for women and children in foreign lands and such other work as shall be hereafter developed under these provisions, the funds appropriated for this work, and shall direct the missionaries of the Board of Missions in foreign fields, supported by the Department of Woman's Work, who shall be subject to appointment and general supervision by the bishop in charge. This department may coöperate with other Boards and other Christian agencies in the promotion and administration of coöperative institutions and lines of work on the foreign fields. The work of this Section shall be administered by the Foreign Administrative Secretaries of the Board of Missions, Woman's Work.

Home Section.

(b) The Section of Home Missions, Woman's Work, shall administer all missions established under the authority of this Board of Missions in Continental United States, primarily for women and children, except such as shall be administered in the Department of Home Missions, General Work, and such other work as shall be hereafter developed under these provisions, including deaconess work. It shall administer the funds appropriated, and shall supervise the missionaries and other workers of the Board of Missions in the home field who are supported by the Department of Woman's Work.

Deaconess Office and Work.

¶479. The office and work of deaconess shall be under the direction of the Department of Woman's Work. The office of deaconess is hereby authorized. A deaconess shall be a single woman or a widow not less than twenty-three years of age, nor more than fifty, when accepted for service. She must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She must be in good standing, and must have shown fitness for her duties by active service in some Christian work. She must have good health, and must have had a high school education and two years of college work or its equivalent. No person shall be consecrated to the office of deaconess until she has successfully completed the prescribed course of study in an accredited Bible Training School. She shall be recommended for consecration by a Quarterly Conference. She shall wear the uniform prescribed by the Council.

The duties of a deaconess shall be to engage in Christian social service. Relinquishing all other pursuits, she shall

devote herself to such work as the Church may determine. No vows of life service shall be exacted of a deaconess, but anyone applying for a recommendation from a Quarterly Conference should have considered this step carefully and believe herself called of God to this work. A deaconess desiring to retire from the work shall be permitted to do so at the close of the term of her appointment, when she shall surrender her certificate and cease to wear the uniform. If found unsuited to the work and calling of a deaconess, she shall be retired and her certificate revoked.

While engaged in this voluntary service, support shall be provided, covering a monthly stipend and living expenses. Necessary regulations for making effective the foregoing provisions shall be prescribed by the Woman's Missionary Council.

Home Cultivation Section.

¶480. ART. IX. (a) The Section of Home Cultivation shall provide and carry forward policies and plans for the missionary cultivation of the Church as related to all the Board's activities, with special reference to Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, Lay Activities, Auxiliary and Conference Missionary Societies, schools, colleges, universities, and all other agencies of the Church, in accordance with the regulations of the Board. It shall coöperate with other Boards of the Church and other Christian agencies engaged in missionary cultivation and education.

Candidate Section.

(b) The Candidate Section shall have charge of the enlistment and cultivation of candidates for missionary work at home and abroad. By means of correspondence and by visitation throughout the Church, this section shall seek qualified missionary candidates. It shall plan for the systematic visitation of schools, colleges, and universities; it shall coöperate with other Boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in the conduct of assemblies, conferences, and similar group meetings. This section shall be under the direction of the Secretaries for Candidate Work.

Home Base Committee.

(c) The Secretaries of the Home Cultivation and Candidate Sections shall coöperate in developing policies and methods, as provided above, through a committee to be known as the Home Base Committee, which shall consist of eleven members acting under the regulations of the Board.

Residence, Duties, and Salaries of Secretaries.

¶481. ART. X. The Secretaries shall reside in Nashville, Tennessee. It shall be their duty to keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Board, and to publish an abstract of them in the Church papers; to conduct its correspondence; to attend to its legal business; to prepare the annual report; to publish monthly (either in a missionary paper or in the Church papers, as the Board shall direct) statements of the condition, needs, and prospects of the various missions, and to discharge such other duties as the Board may direct. The salaries of the Secretaries shall be fixed by the Board, and all their necessary traveling expenses shall be allowed.

Estimates Committee.

¶482. ART. XI. The Secretaries of the Board, together with three members of the Board, one of whom shall be the President of the Woman's Missionary Council, shall be a Committee on Estimates, of which the Chairman of the Secretarial Conference shall be chairman. This committee shall consider the work and needs of the several fields, at home and abroad, the number of persons to be employed, the amount of

money needed, provide for the expenses of the Board, and submit a full report annually to the Board for its adoption.

Executive Committee.

¶485. ART. XIV. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board, consisting of nine members, three of whom shall be women, which shall meet monthly to hear reports from the fields and consider and decide all questions that may arise from time to time, except such questions as it may deem necessary to refer to the Board. *Provided*, that four members of the Executive Committee may arrest action and have the matter in question referred to a regular or called meeting of the Board. This Committee shall keep a record of all its proceedings, to be reviewed by the Board. *Provided*, that no Secretary shall be appointed a member of this Committee; and *provided, further*, that all Secretaries shall be notified of meetings of the Committee, and authorized to attend.

Editors and Assistants.

¶486. ART. XV. On recommendation of the Secretarial Conference, the Board shall have authority to employ editors of our missionary literature and assistants to the Secretaries.

Sources of Revenue.

¶487. ART. XVI. The revenue of the Board shall be derived from apportionments to be distributed to the several Annual Conferences for collection in every congregation; from the Woman's Missionary Societies, provided that the funds raised by these Societies shall be appropriated to the work established by them, or hereafter to be entered upon by the Department of Woman's Work; from Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues; from such other plans as may be adopted by the Board or congregations; from special collections by the Secretaries and bishops; and from donations, annuities, and legacies. (¶778.)

Treasurers.

¶488. ART. XVII. The Treasurers shall hold the funds in safe deposit in the name of the Board of Missions, subject to the drafts of the administrative Secretaries designated by the Board, payable when countersigned by the Treasurer. They shall also furnish an annual report, to be published with that of the Secretaries, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct. The salary of the Treasurer, General Work, and of the Treasurer, Woman's Work, shall be fixed by the Board, and each shall give bond to the Board in such sum and upon such conditions as the Board may fix. The accounts of the Board shall be examined at least annually by a public accountant, and a report of the examination made to the Board.

Duty of Presiding Elder.

¶498. ART. XXVII. It shall be the duty of the presiding elder to preach on missions annually in each charge in the district; to see that efficient and well-defined plans are adopted for the missionary education of the Church and for raising missionary funds; to conduct with his preachers a missionary institute early in the Conference year; to urge, in his institutes, in his visitation to the Sunday schools, and especially under the missionary question in the Quarterly Conference, that every Sunday school on his district be organized for missions by appointing a missionary committee and observing Missionary Day; to see that missionary mass meetings are held; and to encourage the organization and foster the work of Woman's Missionary Societies.

Duty of Pastor.

¶499. ART. XXVIII. It shall be the duty of the preacher in charge to preach frequently on missions, to organize a missionary committee, and to hold missionary mass meetings

annually in every Church in his charge; to see that a canvass is made of every member early in the Conference year for a missionary contribution; to see that a missionary committee is appointed in each Sunday school, that one Sunday in the month is observed as Missionary Day, and that the entire missionary offering of the Sunday school goes to the cause of missions, and that this offering shall be designated, forwarded, and reported, as expressly directed in ¶392; to see that each League holds a monthly meeting for the study of missions; to circulate missionary literature; to seek in every way the education and inspiration of his people concerning the evangelization of the world; and to see that Woman's Missionary Societies are organized in every Church where at all practicable.

Authorization for Woman's Work.

¶500. ART. XXIX. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are hereby authorized to organize and conduct missionary societies among women and children in the Annual Conferences and in the Churches, in the interests of home and foreign missions. These societies shall promote missionary intelligence and activity and secure missionary funds by means of membership dues, life and honorary membership fees, from devises, annuities, bequests, voluntary offerings, and collections at meetings appointed in behalf of the society.

Woman's Missionaary Council.

¶501. ART. XXX. There shall be a delegated body to be known as the Woman's Missionary Council. It shall be composed of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, two or more Secretaries, the Treasurer for Woman's Work, Superintendents of Bureaus, the Corresponding Secretary or alternate, the President or alternate, of the Woman's Missionary Society of each Annual Conference Society, and the President and Secretary of the Deaconess Workers' Conference. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions, both men and women, the Treasurer for Woman's Work of the Board, the General Secretary of the Epworth League, the women members of the Board of Missions, and ten women elected at large by the Council shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

¶502. ART. XXXI. The Council shall hold annual meetings, to hear reports from the fields, Home and Foreign, and from the societies, to consider the fields, lines of work, the various enterprises, and the amounts needed for them; to make recommendations to the Board of Missions, through the Committee on Estimates, to be considered with other estimates of the Board for final determination; and to consecrate the women who have been accepted for service. It shall make recommendations to the Board of Missions for the employment and support of deaconesses.

¶503. ART. XXXII. The Council shall enact its own by-laws and provide a Constitution and By-laws for the Conference and auxiliary societies, all of which shall be in harmony with the Constitution of the Board of Missions. The Council shall plan to enlarge the membership of the societies, to increase the income from them and to further the work of missionary education among women and children.

¶504. ART. XXXIII. At its annual session preceding the General Conference the Council shall elect its officers by ballot, without nomination. All property hereafter acquired by the Woman's Missionary Societies through devises, be-

quests, annuities, gifts, or purchase, shall be held by the Board of Missions, for the use and benefit of the Department of Woman's Work.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

President.

1. The President shall preside at the session and actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Vice President.

2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. She shall actively promote the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Treasurer.

3. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Council in safe deposit made by her as Treasurer subject to authenticated drafts and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer. She shall make quarterly and annual reports.

Home Cultivation and Candidate Cultivation Secretaries.

4. The Secretaries in Charge of Home Cultivation and Candidate Cultivation, who shall be nominated to the Board of Missions by the Council, shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church through the Woman's Missionary Societies.

(1) The Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization of Missionary Societies shall promote the work through the Council and Conference Societies.. She shall receive from the Conference Secretaries reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually. She shall direct the work of the Conference Superintendents of Supplies. She shall develop spiritual resources, including intercession, family worship, and stewardship throughout the societies. She shall plan for conference and special meetings. She shall in every way practicable strengthen the Home Base.

(2) The Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Publication and Publicity shall supervise the creation and publication of leaflet and other literature necessary for the missionary education of women, young people, and children. She shall direct the publicity work of the Council. She shall maintain a repository of missionary literature for sale and distribution, and shall superintend the distribution of literature and supplies necessary for the work of the Conferences.

(3) The Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Missionary Education shall supervise mission study and Bible study. She shall plan for the systematic cultivation of students of Church and State schools. She shall coöperate with other boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in the conduct of assemblies, conferences, and similar group meetings.

(4) The Candidate Secretary shall have charge of the enlistment and cultivation of candidates for missionary work, at home and abroad. She shall plan for the systematic visitation of Church and State schools and shall coöperate with other boards of the Church and Christian agencies in the conduct of assemblies, conferences, and similar group meetings.

Recording Secretary.

5. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all sessions of the Council and shall keep the journal of the sessions in permanent record, the same to be signed by the President. She shall give notice of the mid-year meetings

of the Executive Committee. She shall send a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee to each of the members of the committee. She shall prepare a condensed report of the called sessions of the Council and of the Executive Committee, to be presented to the annual session of the Council, and she shall present all recommendations of the Executive Committee to the Council.

Superintendent Young People's Work.

6. The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall develop and direct the work of the young people. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports.

Superintendent of Children's Work.

7. The Superintendent of Children's Work shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports.

Bureau of Social Service.

8. There shall be a Bureau of Social Service. The Bureau shall be in charge of a superintendent.

Additional Bureaus.

9. Bureaus may be created when new lines of work develop which shall require special supervision.

Managers.

10. The ten women elected at large by the Council, known as Managers, shall extend the work by attending Conference, district, and other meetings when practicable, and shall seek to advance the interests of the work in every way possible. The election of any of these women to the Board of Missions shall not create a vacancy among the Managers.

Supply of Vacancies.

11. When vacancies among officers, Managers, or superintendents of bureaus or standing committees occur during the year, they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Council.

Executive Committee.

12. (1) The Executive Committee of the Council shall be composed of the officers of the Council, the woman editor of The *Missionary Voice*, the Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Department of the Woman's Work of the Board of Missions, and three additional members of that department. The Council shall elect these three members by ballot.

(2) A majority of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Secretaries for Woman's Work shall be notified of all meetings and requested to attend and present the work of their respective departments.

(4) This Committee shall hold a mid-year meeting to review the work of the year and to attend to any other necessary business.

13. (1) The Council in annual session shall recommend funds for the maintenance of its work in all fields, for the expense of administration, and for a contingent fund. These recommendations shall be submitted to the Board of Missions.

(2) Recommendations for one year shall not exceed the income of the previous year from all sources except annuities, bequests, devises, and the sale of property.

(3) The necessary expenses of the Executive Committee of the Council and the traveling expenses of officers, managers, superintendents of bureaus, candidates, returned missionaries, and speakers at the annual session of the Council shall be met from the treasury.

14. Extra sessions of the Council may be called upon the written request of seven officers or of twenty-seven members at large. This request must be in the hands of the President and Recording Secretary at least fifteen days before the meeting.

Standing Committees.

15. (1) There shall be such standing committees as shall be found necessary for the conduct of the business of the Council.

(2) The standing committees shall serve during the quadrennium. Each committee shall elect its own chairman.

(3) The chairman of a standing committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses of which shall be met from the treasury of the Council.

Committee on Candidates

(1) There shall be a Committee on Candidates which shall consist of the women constituting the Subcommittee on Candidates of the Department of Woman's Work.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to act upon applications from deaconesses and from foreign and home missionary candidates. Should the candidate meet the requirements adopted by the Council, her papers shall be accepted and she shall be accepted and referred with recommendations to the Committee on Missionary Candidates of the Board of Missions.

(3) It shall be the duty of this committee to examine the papers of applicants for scholarships. Applicants shall meet the requirements of the Council before being recommended for scholarships. An applicant either for a gift or loan scholarship shall present her papers to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which she lives. If the applicant meets the requirements of the Council, her papers shall be forwarded to the Candidate Secretary of the Board of Missions, Woman's Work, who shall present them to the Candidates Committee of the Board of Missions.

(4) It shall be the duty of this Committee to act on all applications for Conference scholarships for both home and foreign fields and to make recommendations to the Candidates Secretary of the Department of Woman's Work.

Committee on Deaconess and and City Mission Work.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work, which shall consist of eleven members, one of whom shall be the President of the Council and five of whom shall be members of the Subcommittee on Deaconess Work of the Department of Woman's Work of the Board of Missions.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to arrange for the employment and support of deaconesses and home missionaries and to make recommendatons to the Board of Missions through the Department of Woman's Work.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Committee to promote the deaconess movement and make such recommendations to the Woman's Missionary Council as will make effective the provisions for the deaconess work, set forth in Paragraph 479, Article VIII, Constitution of the Board of Missions.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of seven members.

(2) To this committee shall be sent, not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council, all proposed amendments to any constitution or by-law made by the Council. A complete list of these proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the committee, shall be sent to the members of the Council before its annual session.

Committee on Literature.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Literature composed of the Superintendents of Bureaus, Secretary of

Home Cultivation in Charge of Publication, and two members from the Council.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to plan the programs and literature ordered by the Council and to assist in their preparation.

(3) This Committee shall function through the Subcommittee on Home Cultivation of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions.

Committee on Estimates.

There shall be a Standing Committee on Estimates for Home and Foreign Work, consisting of the President, the Vice President, and the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, the Administrative Secretaries, and the Home Cultivation Secretaries of the Department of Woman's Work.

Committee on Laws.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Laws of three members.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and to call attention to any overlapping, conflicting, and unnecessary legislation.

(3) It shall be the further duty of this committee to prepare for use, under the proper headings in the Annual Report, a copy of all Standing Rules.

Committee on Retirement and Relief.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Retirement and Relief composed of five members.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to increase the interest in this fund by keeping the subject before the Woman's Missionary Societies and before the men and women of the Church. It shall also recommend what home and foreign workers shall have the benefit of the Retirement and Relief Fund and to what extent.

Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School consisting of the elected members of the Board of Managers who are also members of the Woman's Missionary Council and an equal number of the Conference Council members.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report upon all matters relating to the Scarritt Bible and Training School requiring action by the Council.

Committee on Lectureships.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Lectureships consisting of five members, one of whom shall be the President of the Council and one the President of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to direct the policies of all Council Lectureships, including the MacDonell and Bennett-Gibson Lectureships, to choose the lecturers, to decide upon the expediency of publication, to administer funds, and to report to the Woman's Missionary Council.

Special Committees.

16. Such special or *ad interim* committees as may be deemed necessary may be ordered by the Council in annual session. The chairman of a standing or *ad interim* committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses to be met from the treasury of the Council.

Session Committees.

17. (1) The work of the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session shall be conducted by Session Committees appointed by the Executive Committee.

(2) Each Session Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary, who shall be members of the Council with no secretarial relation to the Board of Missions.

(3) These committees shall receive recommendations from the women Secretaries of the Board of Missions.

Amendments to By-Laws.

18. The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual session.

No change which was not submitted to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws sixty days before the session shall be voted on at the session.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES, ADULT, YOUNG PEOPLE'S, AND CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of:

(1) Auxiliary delegates representing one or more societies, the number to be determined by each Conference, according to its requirements.

(2) A District Secretary from each district.

(3) Any officer or manager of the Woman's Missionary Council residing within the bounds of the Conference.

(4) Any editor of the Woman's Department of the Church paper residing within the bounds of the Conference.

(5) Any President of a City Mission Board located within the Conference.

(6) And the following officers: A President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Young People's Work, of Children's Work, of Study, of Literature and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. The Conference officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot at an annual meeting. The election shall take place annually, biennially, or quadrennially, as the Conference shall decide. The officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected to Conference offices. If after election an officer moves outside the Conference bounds, such removal shall be considered her resignation from her Conference office.

3. Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council. Alternates from Missionary Societies in foreign fields shall be elected from among missionaries at home on furlough.

4. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence and shall assist in actively promoting the interests of the Conference.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information. She shall promote Christian stewardship, shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Secretary of Home Cultivation in charge of organization, to whom she shall also make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

8. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the minutes of the same on record.

9. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the society, keeping an account of each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall disburse the Conference expense funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly, on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President.

10. The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall have charge of the young people's work and shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Young People's Work and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

11. The Superintendent of Children's Work shall have charge of the children's work and shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Children's Work and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

12. The Superintendent of Study shall promote mission study and Bible study. She shall report quarterly to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Missionary Education.

13. The Superintendent of Literature and Publicity shall make a careful study of the literature published by the Woman's Department, Board of Missions, with reference to the needs of the Conference, and make recommendations to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. She shall be responsible for the distribution of the literature throughout the Conference, shall promote the dissemination of missionary news through the Church and secular press, and shall collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. She shall make quarterly reports to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature.

14. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions. She shall report quarterly to the Superintendent of Social Service.

15. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization.

16. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. They shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and

send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

17. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

18. The membership funds of all auxiliary societies—Adult, Young People's, and Children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons, are a part of the general fund, which cannot be directed by the Conference.

19. A Conference Expense Fund shall be provided by Conference assessment, the basis to be determined by each Conference according to the requirements. In no case shall membership dues or pledge funds be used for Conference expenses.

20. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object, to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

21. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

22. The last half hour of each forenoon during the annual session of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible study.

ADULT AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the——Church, auxiliary to——Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

The auxiliary shall engage in definite personal missionary work in its own community, such as systematic friendly visiting, Bible teaching, cottage prayer meetings, and other lines of missionary effort with the unchurched, the foreigners, and the negroes.

3. Anyone may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer, service, and a contribution to the annual auxiliary budget.

The auxiliary shall assume the responsibility of payment of a budget, the total amount of which shall include annual dues of $2.40 per member, a contribution to the Conference Expense Fund from each member, and to the Retirement and Relief Fund from each member, and a pledge from the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

4. Every auxiliary shall appoint one or more committees to be known as extension committees. These committees shall group the entire Church membership so that every member may be reached and asked to take a part in the missionary work of the Church by giving prayer, service, or a contribution of money for the maintenance of the work in the home and foreign fields.

5. Anyone may become a life member of the auxiliary by the pay-

ment of twenty-five dollars, an honorary life member by the payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money is paid for the special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary. Such membership should be considered an honor and should not release the holders from the obligations of active membership.

6. A name may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

7. Every auxiliary member shall pay toward the Relief and Retirement Fund and the Conference Expense Fund.

8. The auxiliary shall carry on local work, which shall consist of the care of the parsonage and the charity work of the Church. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

9. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, one Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Young People's Work, of Children's Work, of Study, of Publicity, of Social Service, of Supplies, and of Local Work.

10. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the last business meeting of the fiscal year the annual election of officers shall be held.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. In her absence the Vice President shall assume her duties.

2. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall develop spiritual resources, including intercession, family altars, and Christian stewardship. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports by the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall send to the District Secretary and Conference Corresponding Secretary the names and addresses of all newly elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall also send to the Conference Superintendents the names and addresses of their corresponding Auxiliary Superintendents. She shall send her books to the district meeting for examination.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

4. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually

5. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury only upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee .

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligation for the assistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. M. C. A., etc.

6. The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall be responsible

for the organization of the Young People's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its work. She shall send reports when required by the Conference Superintendent of Young People's Work.

7. The Superintendent of Children's Work shall be responsible for the organization of the Children's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its work. She shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Superintendent of Children's Work.

8. The Superintendent of Study shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study.

9. The Superintendent of Publicity shall be responsible for the dissemination of missionary news throughout the Church and community. She shall present the *Missionary Bulletin* in the auxiliary meetings, send items to the Church and secular press, and collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Conference Publicity Superintendent. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

In small auxiliaries the publicity work may be carried on by the Superintendent of Mission Study. She shall, however, send the report of her publicity work to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

10. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and shall seek to bring about social reforms. She shall have supervision of whatever share the auxiliary may have in the constructive relief work of the Church. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

11. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields, under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

12. The Superintendent of Local Work shall have charge of the social features of the auxiliary. She shall supervise whatever share the auxiliary may have in the care of the church and the parsonage, and she shall give special attention to the shut-in and the unchurched. The Assistant Treasurer shall be a member of the Committee on Local Work.

13. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the regular meetings.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Society of—— Church, auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any young person fourteen years old and over may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly. At approximately the age of twenty-five, members shall transfer to the adult auxiliary. Each member shall be asked to make an offering for the maintenance or extension of such objects of the work in the home and foreign fields as are assigned to the young people by the Council. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary.

Membership funds and pledges shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work.

Each member shall be expected to contribute to the Retirement and Relief Fund and to the Conference Expense Fund.

4. Anyone may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of fifteen dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary.

5. A name may be placed on the Memorial Fund by the gift of fifteen dollars for this special purpose.

6. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study, of Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

7. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be a full report of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work and financial pledges for the new year.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and shall in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall preside.

2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall actively promote the interests of the auxiliary. She shall be agent for the *Voice* and the *Young Christian Worker*.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Young People's Work and to the District Secretary, to whom she shall send the names and addresses of the newly elected officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October.

6. The Superintendent of Study shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes, for prayer circles. She shall report quarterly on the first of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study.

7. The Superintendent of Publicity shall be responsible for the dissemination of missionary news throughout the Church and community. She shall present the *Missionary Bulletin* in the auxiliary meetings, send items to the Church and secular press, and collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Conference Publicity Superintendent. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

In small auxiliaries the publicity work may be carried on by the Superintendent of Mission Study. She shall, however, send the report of her publicity work to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

8. The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall coöperate in the social service movements of her Church and the community. She shall report quarterly on the first of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

9. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the packing and sending of boxes of supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Children's Society of —— Church. auxiliary to —— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of the auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving and of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Auxiliary shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions, under the direction of the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with that of the Conference Superintendent of Children's Work. All membership, mite box, and other undirected funds shall be sent through the Conference Treasurer, to be prorated by the Council on the basis of forty per cent to home and sixty per cent to foreign work.

Baby Division.

1. Any child six years of age or under may become a member of the Baby Division upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. The mite boxes shall be opened and their contents sent quarterly by the Treasurer of the Junior Division to the Conference Treasurer. Where there is no Junior Division through which to report, the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Adult Auxiliary shall send the money of the Baby Division to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Anyone may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of five dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Special meetings for the members of the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Adult Auxiliary, at which time inspirational programs shall be presented.

5. Members of the Baby Division at the age of six years shall be promoted to the Junior Division and shall be given certificates of promotion.

6. The Superintendent of Children's Work of the Adult Auxiliaries shall have charge of the Baby Division.

Junior Division.

1. Any child between the ages of six and fourteen may become a member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated monthly offering to missions. Each member of the Junior Division shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. Mite boxes shall be opened quarterly, and the contents, with all other offerings, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Anyone may become a life member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge

nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity and of Social Service. The officers, with the Superintendent of Children's Work, shall hold a meeting of the Committee of the Children's Auxiliary.

5. The Junior Division shall meet at least twice a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study arranged by the Woman's Missionary Council, for which programs shall be furnished. At the close of each quarter the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Adult Auxiliary shall hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Junior Division to see that the work of the quarter is correctly and promptly reported to the proper officers. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the election of officers. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges for the new year's work.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall preside.

2. The Vice President shall assist in the work of the Baby Division and shall be agent for the *Young Christian Worker*.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and promote Christian stewardship and shall report quarterly to the District Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall send the names and addresses of all newly elected officers to the District Secretary.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings of the auxiliary and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall assist in organizing and developing mission study and Bible study classes and shall send items of missionary news to the *Young Christian Worker* and local papers. She shall report quarterly the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall assist in carrying out such lines of social service study and activity as are sent out by the Council. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

STANDING RULES.

1. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the place of meeting of the Council. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum, with the provision that the quorum of no committee be less than three. The actions of the quorum of each committee shall be submitted to all members of each committee.

2. The Woman's Department in each Church paper shall be edited by one woman only. She shall be selected by the President and Corresponding Secretary of the patronizing Conference.

3. Candidates who meet all requirements educationally and physi-

cally, and who are recommended by the faculty as eligible, shall receive appointment at the beginning instead of at the close of the senior year, contingent on the indorsement of the faculty, medical examiners, and Committee on Missionary Candidates at the close of the senior year.

4. Scholarships shall not be granted for home mission workers by Council or Conference to young women who do not meet the educational requirements adopted by the Council.

5. In each Conference Society a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Corresponding Secretary, shall be elected to visit the home institutions within its boundary and coöperate with them for the advancement of their work.

6. No recommendations for action shall be placed in the body of the annual reports of the officers of the Council.

7. Each and every memorial or resolution referred to a session committee of the Council shall be listed and reported back to the Council in a committee report.

8. The chairman of the Session Committee on Laws shall be given supervision of the preparation of a collection of the Standing Rules to be printed in each annual report of the Council.

9. A campaign for mission study shall be urged in October and special effort made to organize classes in every Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliary.

10. All manuals, booklets, helps, etc., ordered by the Committee on Literature shall be submitted to each member of the committee before going to print.

11. A yearbook of young people's programs shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Superintendent of Young People's Work of the Council.

12. A yearbook of children's programs shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Council.

13. A yearbook of programs for Adult Auxiliaries shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature.

14. One handbook and one yearbook shall be furnished free to the President of each auxiliary.

15. Two copies of the booklet, "Helps," shall be furnished free of cost to each Adult, Young People's, or Children's Auxiliary.

16. The week beginning with the first Sunday in November shall be observed as a Week of Prayer.

17. Members of the Council at large shall give the pledges of the children separately from those of the adult and young people.

18. The pledges taken at the Council meeting shall include all funds for authorized Council work.

19. The Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature shall distribute literature for the United Day of Prayer appointed by the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Council of Women for Home Missions.

20. Auxiliaries attaining the Roll of Honor shall be given recognition at the annual meetings by the presentation of a token to be agreed upon by the Home Cultivation Secretary in charge of organization and the Conference Secretaries. The Conference having the largest number of auxiliaries reaching the standard shall receive recognition at the Council meeting.

21. The Council shall provide transfer cards for the use of members of the Missionary Society moving from one Church to another.

22. Unused balances and refunds in the regular appropriations each year shall be added to the basis of appropriation for the following year

and be subject to reappropriation, it being understood that the amount shall not be added until the contingent fund shall have been estimated.

23. In accord with the Council policy of granting in occasional instances the taking of special objects of support by individuals, auxiliaries, districts, or Conferences, all money collected for specials shall be used for those objects directly authorized by the Council. In case any individual, auxiliary, district, or Conference desires to direct an offering to some particular activity in Council work, some arrangement to that end shall first be made with the Executive Secretary in charge of the field in which the activity is located.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Wherever there are at least six young people in the Church a serious effort should be made to organize a Young People's Missionary Society.

2. All organizations must be reported under the name of Young People's Missionary Societies, even though they select for themselves a local name.

3. Our young people shall be urged and encouraged to send representatives to the various missionary assemblies for young people.

4. Good Friday shall be set apart as a day of special prayer for volunteers for both the home and foreign fields.

5. All Conferences shall adopt for their specials for young people those named by the Council from year to year.

6. Members of the Council at large, in giving pledges for their Conferences, shall give those of the young people separately from those of the Adult Society.

7. Every Conference shall be asked to make a place on its annual program for an inspirational presentation of "Young People's Missionary Work."

8. One afternoon of the Week of Prayer of the Adult Auxiliaries shall be given to the young people.

9. The offering given the afternoon devoted to the Young People's Work during the Week of Prayer shall go through the channel of the Young People's Society.

10. October shall be set apart as a special time for organizing mission study classes.

11. Leaflets shall be prepared setting forth the specials for young people.

12. Cards shall be printed for the use of Young People's Societies upon which they may state at the beginning of each year the amount of their membership offering and the amount to be given toward the pledges fixed by the Council.

13. One leaflet bearing exclusively on young people's work shall be published each quarter.

14. A leaflet on Christian Stewardship for Young People shall be prepared and distributed in time for the stewardship meeting in January.

15. The special for the young people for the ensuing year shall be made at each annual meeting of the Council.

16. Small numeral ribbon flyers shall be given each year to such Young People's Auxiliaries as attain the Standard of Excellence.

17. The work of the Young People's Missionary Society shall be emphasized in the district meetings by giving the young people and their work a place on the program.

18. The Conference President, the Superintendent of Young People's Work, and Corresponding Secretary shall constitute a committee whose duty it shall be to keep in touch with the Methodist college students within the bounds of their respective Conferences. A list of the volunteers in these colleges shall be furnished this committee, and they shall pray for them daily by name.

Children's Work.

1. A Certificate of Honor shall be granted at the close of each fiscal year to each auxiliary that has attained the Roll of Honor.

2. One day of the Week of Prayer shall be made a special day of prayer for the children, and a special program shall be prepared to be used by the children.

3. The offering of the children on Children's Day of the Week of Prayer shall go through the channels of the Children's Society.

4. Pictorial leaflets shall be prepared setting forth the specials for children.

5. Pledge cards designed especially for children shall be prepared and shall be ready for the January meetings.

6. Auxiliary Superintendents of Children's Work shall coöperate with other organizations of the Church in promoting missionary education and activity among the children.

7. An effort shall be made by Auxiliary Superintendents of Children's Work to establish missionary libraries and curio cabinets for the use of children in their missionary studies.

8. A full presentation of the children's work shall be made at annual and district meetings.

9. Each Superintendent of Children's Work shall endeavor to have the children's auxiliary give a demonstration of its work before the adult auxiliary once during the year. A committee from the adult auxiliary shall be appointed quarterly to visit the meetings of the Junior Society.

10. The Conference Superintendents of Children's Work shall secure the help of District Secretaries in the appointment of Superintendents of Children's Work in each charge where there is no adult auxiliary.

RULES GOVERNING CANDIDATES FOR MISSIONARY WORK.

Educational Standard.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Requirements.

A candidate subject to appointment to the foreign field must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing and must have shown fitness for this work by active service in some line of Church work. She must be a single woman not less than twenty-four nor more than thirty-five years of age.

Young women desiring to engage in any line of missionary work in the foreign field under the Woman's Missionary Council must be between the ages of twenty-four and thirty-five. The following educational standard has been adopted:

I. Educational Missionary Candidates.

Minimum Educational Standard.

1. A candidate must present a diploma from a State university or a standard college.

2. A candidate will be eligible who presents a diploma from an accredited high school and a State normal. By a graduate of a State normal is meant the holder of a diploma from a State normal requiring four years of work.

3. A candidate must have had two years of successful teaching experience.

II. Evangelistic Missionary Candidates.

1. A candidate must present a diploma from a State university or a standard college.

2. A candidate will be eligible who presents a diploma from an accredited high school and a State normal. By a graduate of a State normal is meant the holder of a diploma from a State normal requiring four years of work.

3. A candidate must have had two years' experience in practical religious work.

III. Missionary-Nurse Candidates.

1. A candidate must be a graduate of an accredited high school or its equivalent and a diploma graduate of a standard hospital.

2. A candidate must have had one year of nurse practice.

IV. Kindergarten Missionary Candidates.

1. A candidate must present a diploma from an accredited high school or its equivalent and from a standard kindergarten training school or college.

2. A candidate must have had two years of successful teaching experience.

V. Medical Missionary Candidates.

1. A candidate must present a diploma from a recognized medical college.

2. A candidate must have had one year of practice interneship or postgraduate work.

VI. Music Teacher Missionary Candidate.

1. A candidate must present a diploma from an accredited high school.

2. A candidate must have a diploma from a conservatory of music or from the music department of a standard college.

DEACONESSES AND HOME MISSIONARIES.

Requirements.

A candidate for the office of deaconess or the work of home missionary must be at least twenty-three and not more than fifty years of age. No candidate over fifty years of age will be recommended for consecration unless, because of her qualifications, she is recommended by an accredited training school for positions where there is a special demand for the services of a deaconess.

I. Deaconess and Home Missionary Candidates.

Minmium Educational standard.

1. A candidate for the office of deaconess must have a diploma from an accredited high school or its equivalent and two years of college work or its equivalent.

2. A candidate for the work of a home missionary must have a diploma from an accredited high school or its equivalent and two years of college work or its equivalent.

3. The equivalent of two years of college work shall be one of the following: (*a*) Three years of work in an accredited normal school. (*b*) Four years of successful experience as a teacher.

II. Kindergarten Candidates.

A candidate for kindergarten work must have a diploma from an accredited high school and a diploma from a standard kindergarten training school.

III. Nurse Candidates.

A candidate for the work of a nurse in the home department

must have a diploma from an accredited high school and a standard nurse-training school.

A young woman with marked business or administrative ability will be eligible for the office of deaconess or work of home missionary if she presents a diploma from a standard high school and a diploma from an accredited business college and has had three years of successful business experience.

HOME AND FOREIGN CANDIDATES.

Additional Requirements.

In addition to the above requirements, all candidates desiring to engage in any line of missionary work under the Woman's Missionary Council must present a diploma from an accredited missionary training school, after which they must have the recommendation of its faculty and the Council Board of Medical Examiners before acceptance by the Council.

Training School.

Preference is given to Scarritt Bible and Training School, at Kansas City, Mo., owned and controlled by the Woman's Missionary Council. Catalogues of this institution and other literature giving the courses of study, entrance requirements, etc., may be obtained upon application.

Candidates Committee.

Upon completion of the course at the Training School the papers of candidates, together with the faculty and medical ecommendations, are passed upon by the Candidates Committee of the Council and Board of Missions, which recommend their appointment to a definite field. After acceptance candidates are subject to the appointment of the bishop in charge of the field where they are to serve. Candidates are consecrated at an annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council, unless prevented by unusual circumstances.

Instructions.

1. Candidates must present their applications on the blanks prepared by the Woman's Missionary Council. These may be secured from the Candidate Secretary, Lambuth Building, 706 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

2. A candidate must write a letter in which she gives her life history as it bears on her call to missionary work.

Applicants for Scholarships.

3. Applicants for scholarships shall forward blanks, when properly filled out, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which they reside. The Corresponding Secretary of the Conference shall bring them before the Executive Committee of the Conference Society. If favorably acted upon, she shall forward them to the Candidate Secretary, who shall present them to the Committee on Applicants for Scholarships and then communicate to the candidates and to the Conference societies the decision of the committee.

4. Candidates who are able to defray their own expenses at the Training School, or whose expenses are borne by relatives or friends, shall send papers to the Principal of the Training School.

Financial Assistance.

Scholarships at Scarritt Bible and Training School will be available for young women who meet the educational requirements of the Woman's Missionary Council and who intend to become home or foreign missionaries.

Missionary funds cannot be used for college education. The Council recommends that an effort be made to interest individuals in providing the means for a college education for young people desiring to become missionaries.

Professional training will be given to young women meeting the educational requirements of the Woman's Missionary Council and indorsed by the Committee on Candidates of the Council.

RULES GOVERNING FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Missionaries, after acceptance by the Candidates Committee, shall make their plans for the use of the time intervening before going to the field only in consultation with the Administrative Secretary. Official Relationship of New Missionaries.

The Council shall provide a fund for the outfit of each new missionary. The amount allowed to all fields except Africa shall be $250. In case of Africa the amount shal be $350. The outfit allowance shall be payable immediately after consecration and should be invested by each missionary in conformity with instructions from the Administrative Secretary, setting forth the special demands of the field to which she is appointed. Outfit.

Traveling expenses to and from the field shall be provided by the Council. Not more than ten dollars shall be allowed for excess baggage, with the following exceptions: In Brazil, owing to peculiar baggage regulations, twenty-five dollars excess is allowed. In Africa, because of unusual conditions, the allowance for excess cannot be stated. Missionaries should send to the Administrative Secretary an itemized account of traveling expenses and should give the date of sailing and of reaching their destination. Blanks for this purpose shall be furnished by the Secretary. Travel.

Missionaries of the Council shall receive $750 for the first year of service on the field, except in Rio de Janeiro, where the salary for the first year shall be $850. The salaries of new missionaries shall begin with the date of sailing in the case of Brazil and Oriental fields. In the case of Africa, half salary only shall be paid during transit. In the case of Mexico and Cuba, the salary shall begin with the date of arrival on the field. After the first year missionaries shall receive $900 a year, except in Japan, Korea, and Rio de Janeiro, where they shall receive $1,000. All salaries of missionaries shall be paid quarterly, in advance. The Council shall provide homes, but the missionaries shall pay their own board. Salary.

Missionaries shall be required to devote the first year on the field to language study. In case there is a language school, they shall take advantage of it. Otherwise they shall follow the course in language study prescribed in their respective fields. In case authorization is granted in Latin-American and African fields for part-time work the first year, it shall be understood that the full morning shall be allowed for language study. In Oriental fields one-half time of the second and third years shall be allowed for the language study, preferably the morning hours. Tuition fees in language schools and language teachers' salaries during the first year shall be paid by the Council. Each missionary pursuing language study shall report periodically her progress to the Administrative Secretary. Language Study.

Each missionary shall have an annual medical examination at Council expense The doctor's report shall be sent to the Administrative Secretary in duplicate, together with a bill for the same. Missionaries returning on furlough shall bring a physician's report of their physical condition, in duplicate, which shall be accompanied by translations when written in foreign languages. Upon reaching the homeland, after consultation Medical Examination.

with the Secretary, they shall be examined by the Medical Examiner of the Council.

Vacation. Missionaries shall arrange their work so as to allow one month of vacation during the year, which shall be spent, if possible, away from the mission station.

Annual Meeting. The missionaries of each field shall hold an annual meeting for inspiration, consultation, and consideration of the needs of the work as a whole. At this meeting the estimates for the following year shall be approved, and any recommendations to the Council shall be prepared. Expenses to this annual meeting shall be included in the estimates.

Reports to the Council. Each missionary shall make an annual report descriptive of her work. Each person handling funds of the Council shall at the end of each quarter and of each year send a detailed account of all moneys received and disbursed. (In case reports are given in foreign currency a parallel column shall be used, giving the amounts in United States currency.) At the end of the year the statement shall show the true balance and shall be accompanied by the report of the Auditing Committee on the field. Any surplus in any department of the work shall be kept in the treasury on the field until its use shall be authorized by the Council. Where there is a general treasurer or secretary on the field she shall furnish the Council annually a statement of any increase in property valuation and the nature, location, condition, and estimated value of any new property acquired for the Council during the year. She shall also report annually the amount of insurance carried on the field on all properties. Where there is no general treasurer or secretary the missionary in charge of each institution shall report these items. Each person in charge of work shall send quarterly and annual statistical reports. All annual reports shall be in the hands of the Administrative Secretary not later than February 1.

Estimates. Missionaries in charge of work shall prepare annually itemized estimates of funds needed for the support of the work for the ensuing year covering the *full budget of expenses*, including missionaries' salaries, support of native workers, Bible women, scholarships, running expenses, repairs, furlough travel, travel to annual meeting, annual medical examination of missionaries, Christian literature, insurance, taxes, and *all other* necessary items. The estimates shall be accompanied by an itemized statement of the income on the field from fees of patrons and other sources, which income shall be considered by the Estimates Committee as a part of the basis of appropriation. Wherever the mission is organized, estimates shall be submitted to the mission for indorsement before being forwarded to the Administrative Secretary. Otherwise they shall be indorsed by the missionaries of the station. All estimates shall be in the hands of the Administrative Secretary not later than February 1.

Financial Appeal. No missionary shall appeal to the Church or to individuals, through public print or otherwise, for pecuniary aid in any missionary enterprise without the approval of the Council. All appeals for continuance of specials or for payments of deficits on specials shall be made only through the Administrative Secretary.

New Work. No new work shall be opened without consent of the Council, and no missionary shall make any investment or create any liability against it without authority. No missionary shall open new work with personal funds.

Furlough. Each missionary remaining in the employ of the Council shall be granted a furlough year with salary. No missionary shall re-

main on the field after her furlough time without special authorization. In Brazil furlough shall be allowed after each five years of service; in Africa, after each three years; in all other fields the first furlough shall follow a period of five years of service and thereafter a period of seven years. Missionaries on furlough shall spend their time in rest, study, and a limited amount of public work. Decision as to use of the furlough period shall be determined through consultation with the Administrative Secretary and shall be based upon medical advice.

Obligation for Service.

Missionaries shall conform in all respects to the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council. Their time and labor are to be devoted exclusively to the interest of the mission with which they are connected. They may in no case enter into engagements affecting their relation to the mission nor receive compensation for work so undertaken, without authorization of the Council. No missionary shall be required to sign a written contract. There are, however, moral obligations which should be regarded as binding on both parties. While it is the understanding that missionaries enter upon their work for life, circumstances may arise which would make this impossible. If a resignation is necessary, it shall, if possible, take effect at a furlough period. Each time a missionary goes to the field she shall be regarded as going for a specified period of service, unless prevented by ill health. A missionary returning home before the completion of her term of service shall bear the expense of travel, unless the Council shall rule otherwise. Three months' notice shall be given of intention to withdraw from service. If a missionary evinces unfitness for the work, the agreement may be canceled by the Council after a like three months' notice. In such cases expenses home will be paid by the Council. Missionaries who resign within the first five years for any other cause than ill health shall refund the amount paid for outfit and travel.

RULES GOVERNING DEACONESSES.

Work.

The duties of the deaconess are to minister to the poor, care for the sick, provide for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, seek the wandering and sinful, and do any religious or teaching work to which she may be assigned, and, relinquishing all other pursuits, devote herself to these or other forms of Christian work.

Requirements.

A candidate for the office of deaconess must be at least twenty-three and not more than fifty years of age. She must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing and must have shown fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must be a single woman, or widow without dependents for support or companionship. She shall have a high-school education and two years of college work or its equivalent. The equivalent of the two years of college work are:

1. Three years of work in an accredited normal school.
2. Four years of successful experience as a teacher.
3. A diploma from a standard kindergarten training school.
4. A diploma from a standard nurse-training school.

A young woman with marked business or administrative ability will be eligible for deaconess work if she presents a diploma from an accredited high school and a diploma from a standard business college and has had three years of successful business experience.

No Vows Required.

No vows shall be required of any deaconess; but it is expeco d that one seeking to become a deaconess will have considered carefully the step she is taking and, feeling called of God todet this work, will enter upon it with the purpose of devoting herself wholly to it.

A deaconess shall be at liberty to retire from work after three months' notice to the Woman's Missionary Council.

Preparation.

A deaconess candidate must have two years of preparation at standard training school, and when she has finished the required course of study she must be recommended by the faculty to the Board of Missions for acceptance. She shall have a certificate of good health from a reputable physician and the recommendation of the pastor and the Quarterly Conference of the Church of which she is a member.

Consecration.

When a deaconess shall have finished her course of training the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work shall present her to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session for final acceptance and consecration. When the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work deems it advisable to have one or more deaconesses consecrated in the interim of the annual meeting it shall arrange for the time and place of service.

Credentials.

A certificate, duly signed by the President and an Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Woman's Missionary Council and the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, shall be the credentials of a regularly authorized deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and must be renewed annually. No one shall be recognized as a deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who does not comply with the disciplinary requirements.

Duration of Appointments.

The appointment of a deaconess shall extend from the session at which she receives her appointment to the next session of the Woman's Missionary Council, and she shall hold herself legally and morally bound for twelve months' service, unless her health should fail or for other good and sufficient reasons she should be released by the committee.

Leave of Absence.

When a deaconess withdraws from active work for providential reasons, and does not engage in other work, she may, upon application, have her certificate renewed annually.

Voluntary withdrawal.

When a deaconess desires to relinquish the office and work of a deaconess, or is found unsuited to the work, she shall surrender her certificate and cease to wear the uniform.

Reinstatement.

When a deaconess who has retired from the work desires to return to it, she may do so without reconsecration, provided she submits to the Deaconess Committee satisfactory testimonials of her life during the period of her withdrawal, and of her health at the time she applies for reinstatement.

Nurse-Deaconess.

1. If a candidate for nurse-deaconess has had a course of nurse training and can present a diploma from the hospital where she received training and also an indorsement as to ability and adaptability for such work, together with the usual testimonials required of deasoness candidates, she shall be required to take only one year of study in a Bible training school before consecration. She must be recommended, as other deaconess candidates, by the faculty of the school where she receives her Bible training.

2. A candidate for nurse-deaconess work who has not received her nurse training shall have one year in a Bible training school before she enters on the course for nurse training, this training to be had in a Christian hospital selected by the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work. The course of study in both

cases described shall be arranged for and adjusted by the Secretary for the Home Work and the principal of the Bible training school in which the candidate is to study. During the whole period of training the candidate for nurse-deaconess work shall be under the control and care of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.

Obligations for Training.

Any one receiving training for home work from the Woman's Missionary Council shall refund the money if she voluntarily retires from its employ before the expiration of four years. The amount expended shall be repaid in full in case the deaconess leaves the work without the consent of the Council before she shall have completed her term of service—viz., two years for each paid by the Council. No fraction of a year's work will be received in lieu of service.

Financial Adjustment.

1. A deaconess shall receive a minimum salary of $900 per year.

2. A City Board or Church employing a deaconess is required to pay her traveling expenses from the place from which she comes to them. The traveling expenses of a new worker just from the training school shall be paid from her home to the place of appointment.

3. Every deaconess shall be allowed a month's vacation, during which time she shall receive her salary of $75 from the Board or Church employing her.

4. In case of temporary sickness of a deaconess who has been in its employ not less than one year the agency employing her shall for a period not exceeding two months pay such a worker a salary of $75 per month for said time, and the deaconess shall bear her own expenses incurred by sickness; beyond this the agency employing the worker shall not be held responsible for relief.

5. In case of prolonged illness of a deaconess exceeding two months, the agency employing her shall report the same to the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Council, who shall pay to such deaconess her salary for an additional period not to exceed six months, after which time the Council shall not be held responsible.

6. A deaconess disqualified by sickness or old age, who has given not less than ten years of efficient consecutive service, not including the two years of training, shall be entitled to support, the amount to be determined by the Committee on Retirement and Relief.

Uniform.

1. When the deaconess is on duty, a simple uniform shall be worn. The exact details of this uniform will be kept in printed form and may be had from the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. Every deaconess accepted by the Woman's Missionary Council shall be provided from the funds of the Council with a suitable uniform for consecration.

Obligations of Pastors Boards, Etc.

Pastors, mission boards, or other agencies employing deaconesses shall obligate themselves to provide for their maintenance as specified by items under "Financial Adjustment."

Continuous Study.

All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.

Rest Day.

One day of the week shall be a day of rest for the deaconess, and time shall also be given for the reading and study so necessary to keep her work at the highest point of efficiency.

Furlough.

After seven years of consecutive service deaconesses and home missionaries shall be given a period of rest of not less than three months with furlough salary of $75 per month.

RULES GOVERNING HOME MISSIONARIES.

Requirements.

1. A candidate for acceptance and appointment to home mission work must feel moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon herself the work of a home missionary. She must be at least twenty-three years of age, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, recommended by the faculty of the training school where she has studied, and the pastor of the Church of which she is a member. She shall also have a good health certificate from a reputable physician.

2. A candidate for Home Mission Work must have a diploma from an accredited high school or its equivalent and two years of college work or its equivalent, the equivalent of two years of college work to be one of the following:

a. A diploma from a standard nurse-training school.
b. A diploma from a standard kindergarten training school.
c. Three years of work in an accredited normal school.
d. Four years of successful experience as a teacher.

A young woman with marked business or administrative ability will be eligible for home mission work if she presents a diploma from a standard high school and a diploma from an accredited business college and has had three years of successful business experience.

In addition to the above requirements all candidates desiring to engage in any line of missionary work in the home field under the Woman's Missionary Council must present a diploma or certificate from an accredited missionary training school, after which they must have the recommendation of its faculty and the Council Board of Medical Examiners before acceptance by the Council.

3. The Woman's Missionary Council shall not support in training schools any young woman who is not twenty-one years of age nor appoint as home missionary a young woman under twenty-three years of age. She shall be willing to accept the appointments given by the Council.

Appointments.

4. All appointments of missionaries made at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council or by the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work during the year shall continue until the next annual session of the Council, unless the missionary's health should fail or for good and sufficient reasons she should be released.

5. A kindergartner accepted and appointed by the Woman's Missionary Council shall sustain the same relation to the work as any deaconess or home missionary shall be regarded as a missionary. She shall assume her part of responsibility in the general work of the institution and assist in the other activities, but not to such an extent as shall interfere with the best development of her own department.

6. A home missionary shall receive a salary of not less than $900 per year. Incidental expenses, including laundry and car fare, are to be met by the missionary herself. She shall be allowed a vacation of one month with salary.

7. She shall make a monthly report to the City Board and quarterly and annual reports to the Woman's Missionary Council.

8. A missionary kindergartner shall receive the same monthly salary as a home missionary. She shall be employed for a term of not less than nine months.

INDORSED WORKER.

1. Young women holding certificates from an accredited missionary training school may apply for service in the Home Department and, if recommended by the Committee on Candidates, may be recommended for employment by local boards.

2. Young women showing fitness for missionary work, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of local Churches and the District Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, may apply to the Administrative Secretary of the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council and, if indorsed by the Committee on Candidates, may be registered in the Home Department of the Council and may be recommended for employment by local boards.

These last two classes will be recorded as "Indorsed Workers" and will be on file in the offices of the Home Department.

Should a woman in either class of "Indorsed Workers" desire to become a deaconess or home missionary, she shall be required to meet the standards adopted by the Council.

RULES GOVERNING WESLEY HOUSES AND INSTITUTIONAL WORK.

1. *Deaconess.*—Every deaconess shall keep a ledger account of all moneys received and disbursed by her in the work. Her books shall be audited annually.

2. *Head Resident.*—The Head Resident shall direct the work of the Wesley House and keep in the closest possible touch with all workers connected with the institution. She shall submit all plans for the development and conduct of the work to the Executive Committee of the City Mission Board. She shall use a system of records and files such as the work of the institution demands. It shall be her duty to see that all workers do their part in the keeping of such records. She shall conduct a bimonthly cabinet meeting, or workers' conference, at which time each worker shall be given an opportunity to bring up the problems of her department, especially as they relate to the work of other departments, thus preserving the harmony of the institution. She shall be responsible for developing and maintaining the highest degree of efficiency and spirituality in the workers.

3. *Resident Workers.*—The plans of all workers for their departments shall be submitted to the Head Resident for approval before they are presented to the City Mission Board.

4. *Institutional Churches.*—Where union is desired between a City Mission Board and the local Church in the conduct of an institutional Church, the following plans are adopted:

(1) That the work be divided into two main departments, to be called the Church Department and the Wesley House Department.

(2) That the City Board conduct the Wesley House Department, having a Head Resident and a corps of workers, and be responsible for the support and control of its own work.

(3) That the City Board assume no financial responsibility or control in the conduct of the Church Department.

(4) That the workers of the Wesley House Department coöperate with the pastor of the Church Department in advancing the growth and development in the spiritual life of the community.

5. *Local Church.*—Where a City Mission Board conducts a Wesley House independently, and yet desires to coöperate with the community Church, the following plans are adopted:

(1) That the deaconess and other resident workers of the Wesley

House coöperate with the pastor of the community Church and seek in every way to advance its interests and build up its constituency.

(2) That the City Mission Boards, as an organization, assume no part of the financial responsibility of the Church.

6. *Clinic.*—(1) The clinic may be an activity of the Wesley House, provided the neighborhood is large enough to justify the outlay of funds and service.

(2) When there is a clinic maintained, it shall be conducted as the out-patient department of a city hospital is maintained. Sick persons may be seen and prescribed for in rooms set aside for clinic work. Cases that require operation involving anæsthesia or the constant attendance of a nurse should be referred to institutions prepared for the care of such patients.

CLASSIFICATION OF WORK.

City missions under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be divided into two classes, according to ability to support and conduct mission work.

Class A shall consist of Wesley Houses where the City Mission Board can pay regularly not less than $100 a month for current expenses. Through the Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work the Council shall have control of the appointment of one or more workers, the character and amount of work done, and the location of the house. The Head Residents of these Wesley Houses shall be women of experience and training and shall have full charge of the internal affairs of the home and superintend the work of the other residents. The work of the home shall, if possible, be so correlated with that of the nearest Methodist Church as to make this Church the center of its operations and the conservator of its results.

Class B shall consist of those missions where the City Board pays regularly not less than $60 or as much as $100 a month for current expenses. As this amount is not sufficient to maintain a Wesley House, this class of missionary work shall not be so designated, and the forms of work undertaken shall be limited to such as the funds make possible of success. The missionary shall not be required to keep house or to live in the community wherein she works, but near enough to give attention to its demands. The work shall be carried on, wherever possible or desirable, in the nearest Methodist church; or, if that is not possible, in close correlation with it.

LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION BOARDS.

I. Composition.

1. In all our cities and towns where there are two or more auxiliaries, whether in one or several Churches, they may unite for the promotion of city missions under the title of Board of City Missions. There shall not be in any city more than one such board.

2. A Board of City Missions shall be composed of representatives from auxiliaries which coöperate regularly in the activities and financial support of the work. Each auxiliary shall have at least three representatives and one additional for every ten members. Council and Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of Churches where the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elders shall be advisory members.

II. Officers.

The officers of a Board of City Missions shall be a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and superintendents of departments of work. These officers, with the

presiding elders, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The election of officers shall take place at the December meeting of the City Mission Board.

III. Departments.

A Board of City Missions shall divide its work into as many departments as the work may require. Each department shall be under the supervision of a superintendent elected annually by the City Mission Board.

IV. Committees.

1. Each coöperating auxiliary shall have representation on the standing committees. These standing committees shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Board of City Missions at the January meeting.
2. Standing committees shall meet at the call of the superintendents of the departments.
3. Such special committees as are necessary for the conduct of the work may be appointed by the President.
4. The Nominating Committee for officers of the Board of City Missions shall consist of the presidents of the coöperating auxiliaries.

V. Meetings.

1. There shall be one or more regular monthly meetings of the Board of City Missions.
2. There shall be called meetings of the Board when necessary.
3. There shall be one or more regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee.

VI. Finances.

1. The coöperating auxiliaries shall make annual pledges for the support of the work of the Board of City Missions, such pledges to be paid monthly.
2. City Mission Boards employing one or more Council workers, shall file their vouchers with the Treasurer for Woman's Work and with the Secretary of the Division in which the City Mission Board is located, and all applications for appropriations shall be considered and acted upon by the Estimates Committee, as are all other appropriations.

VII. By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and actively advance its interests. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.
2. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and assist the President in all efforts to advance the interests of the work.
3. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and expended and shall make a monthly, quarterly, and annual report of the same to the City Mission Board and a quarterly and annual report to the Treasurer of the Conference. She shall pay money only on the order of the President of the Board of City Missions. Her books shall be audited annually.
4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and shall make quarterly reports to the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Woman's Missionary Council.
5. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the City Mission Board and a correct roll of its membership in permanent form. She shall give notice of all regular and called meetings.
6. The department superintendents, acting with their standing committees, shall plan for and actively advance the interests of their depart-

ments. No new work or policy enterprised by any department shall be put into operation without being approved by the Board of City Missions.

7. The Executive Committee shall in the interim of the monthly meetings conduct the necessary business of the City Mission Board. It shall act upon all questions relative to applications for employment or dismissal of workers and shall submit such action for approval to the Board of City Missions in regular or called meetings.

VIII. Rules and Regulations.

1. Each coöperating auxiliary may determine for itself the method of raising funds for the support of the work of the City Mission Board.

2. A City Board employing deaconesses or city missionaries shall conform with the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council relative to the employment of such workers. (See Regulations.)

IX. Reports.

Monthly reports shall be made to each auxiliary by its representatives on the City Mission Board.

UNIFORM CONSTITUTION FOR CITIES AND TOWNS HAVING CITY MISSION BOARDS COMPOSED OF BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

Organization and Objects.

At the call of the presiding elders, district secretaries, and the presidents of the auxiliaries of a city or town having two or more auxiliaries and congregations, at least three delegates from each auxiliary and one delegate from every one hundred members or fraction thereof of each congregation may meet and organize a Board of City Missions in accordance with this Uniform Constitution governing City Mission Boards composed of both men and women, provided:

That before a meeting for this purpose is called the preachers in charge of the Churches from whose membership the participating auxiliaries and congregations are composed, the presiding elders, district secretaries, and Secretaries of the Home Department of the Board of Missions have made a survey of the field and have recommended the organization of the Board and have designated the location of the work to be undertaken.

The said Board shall promote local evangelistic activities, relief work, religious education enterprises, institutional welfare undertakings, social service, and settlement work, in such sections of the city as there is need, except where there is work administered by the Conference Board of Missions or where it is being successfully carried on by other Protestant denominations.

Composition.

A Methodist Board of City Missions shall be composed of representatives from each coöperating congregation and auxiliary on the following basis: One representative from each congregation for every one hundred members or fraction thereof and three representatives from each auxiliary, the representatives from the congregations being elected by the respective official boards and from the auxiliaries by the membership of the respective auxiliaries. No person can at the same time represent both a congregation and an auxiliary. The Board shall be composed, as nearly as is expedient, of an equal number of men and women.

The presiding elders and district secretaries of the districts and any Council or Conference officers or Annual Conference secretaries shall be *ex-officio* members of the City Mission Board. All elections shall be confirmed by the Quarterly Conferences.

Officers.

The officers of the Board shall be a President, two Vice Presidents (one representing the congregation and one the auxiliaries; the Vice President from the auxiliaries to have direction of the work and workers for women, girls, and children, and the Vice President from the congregation to have direction of the work for men and boys), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the superintendents of the departments. These officers, with the presiding elders and the district secretaries, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, as nearly as expedient, shall be composed of an equal number of representatives from the congregation and from the auxiliaries. All action of the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the City Mission Board for approval. The officers shall be elected annually from the membership of the Board.

Function.

This Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings and to make its own by-laws; to raise and appropriate money for the conduct of the work; to employ and supervise workers; to determine the policies and departments of work to be undertaken; provided these policies conform to the laws and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in no sense contravene the laws and rules of the Board of Missions and the Woman's Missionary Council.

Revenue.

The revenue for this work shall be derived from the offerings from the Churches and missionary auxiliaries and may be supplemented by appropriations from the Board of Missions.

Meetings.

There shall be one or more regular meetings of the Board each month and called meetings when necessary. The Executive Committee shall hold one or more regular monthly meetings.

Amendments.

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting, after due notice has been given by a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting and the concurrence of the Board of Missions and Woman's Missionary Council.

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